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Kuwait summons US envoy

KUWAIT, Nov 28, (Agencies): Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaime today summoned the United States Ambassador W. Nataniel Howell to express Kuwait's deep regret over the American decision not to grant PLO chairman Yasser Arafat a visa to address the United Nations General Assembly.

Surprise

Howell was told the US decision "does not conform with the responsibilities of the United States and its role toward the world community in preserving world peace and stability."

Osaime told the envoy that the American decision contradicts the headquarters agreement signed in 1947 between the US and the UN.

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Minimum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 33 per cent
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Fahla: 60 per cent

More countries criticise US

Arafat will address UN, pledges assembly chief

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 28, (Agencies): PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who has been denied a visa to address the UN General Assembly in New York, still will speak to the world body, its president, Dante Caputo, said today.

"As soon as we receive a special request from the Arab group we shall proceed in the best possible manner to ensure that chairman Arafat is able to address the General Assembly," Caputo, the foreign minister of Argentina, said in a statement.

He said the United States was under an obligation to give the Palestine Liberation Organisation a special visa under the agreement that established UN headquarters in New York.

Consider

Caputo issued his statement through his spokesman Juan Brandt as Arab delegates gathered to consider what steps to take following Saturday's announcement by US Secretary of State George Shultz that Arafat was being barred.

They were expected to seek a General Assembly resolution to transfer impending debates on the Palestine and Middle East questions to Geneva to permit Arafat's participation.

He had planned to speak here this coming Thursday during the annual debate on the Palestine issue. Depending on developments in the Arab group, that debate now could be postponed,

perhaps until the new year, officials said.

The US would not oppose shifting the debate on Palestine to another country, the State Department said today.

"While we do not support moving the debate out of New York, we do not oppose," the action, State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters.

Moving

"It is unnecessary," Redman said of the calls for moving the debate out of New York's UN headquarters.

"We do not oppose General Assembly consideration of the Palestine question," Redman said. "There are PLO spokesmen able to state their position in New York. We have no objection to that."

There was not the slightest doubt in diplomatic circles that there were sufficient votes to shift the General Assembly to Geneva for the event, although this would be costly for an organisation already in deep financial difficulties because of unpaid dues.

The committee on relations with the host country called an emergency meeting today to discuss the Arafat affair and its implications for the world body at a time when recently strained relations between it and the United States had seemed to be improving.

Caputo's statement about American obligations followed one by Secretary-General Javier



Arafat
Perez de Cuellar who said the State Department's decision was incompatible with the US role as UN host.

"If maintained, this action is likely to complicate and render more difficult the forthcoming debates on the question of Palestine and the situation in the current session of the General Assembly," Perez de Cuellar said yesterday.

"This would be unfortunate at a time when in the view of the secretary-general the recent meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers provides fresh opportunities for progress towards peace in the Middle East."

Arafat described the US decision as "strange and illegal" and said Shultz had shown his open alliance with Israel and its Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"The whole world now understands the reason why the cause of peace in the Middle East cannot advance one step due to the attitude of the American administration," he said.

He added the US action was a violation of international law.

Confident

Arafat said he was confident that Arab states would succeed in their bid to move the UN debate on Palestine to Geneva.

Arafat scheduled meetings with aides at the PLO military headquarters in Baghdad to discuss the US decision.

Arab states, communist powers and European allies called on the US to reconsider its decision to bar Arafat from entering the country.

Even Great Britain, America's staunchest ally in Europe, refrained from backing the US decision.

The Soviet Union and China, the world's communist powers, said the US decision violated the 1947 UN headquarters agreement, which stipulates that the US government not interfere with UN business.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov called the US action "an unconstructive and illegal step."

He said the move "raises serious obstacles" to peace in the

Middle East and "is detrimental to UN prestige and authority."

China's official Xinhua news agency said the US government "has failed to live up to the expectations of the world community, and its decision has cast a dark shadow on the new hope for ending the prolonged Arab-Israeli conflict." China has long supported the PLO and Arab causes.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said the visa denial "was a matter for the United States to decide."

Confirm

But he said the British government "would have liked to hear Arafat confirm in New York that the PLO favoured a settlement based on UN Resolutions 242 and 338, and that it had renounced terrorism."

West Germany criticised the US action as a blow against Middle East peace.

Friedhelm Ost, spokesman for Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said: "The universal task of the United Nations and its function as a place for conflict arbitration was not considered."

In Brussels, Belgium, the president of the European Economic Community's executive commission said today he was "surprised and disappointed" at the US decision. But Jacques

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Sweeping political moves announced

Iraq to allow formation of political parties

BAGHDAD, Nov 28, (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has announced that his Baath Party which has ruled virtually unchallenged for more than 20 years is to allow the formation of new political parties.

The announcement was made on Baghdad television yesterday as part of a package of sweeping moves in the wake of the Aug 20 Gulf war ceasefire.

The key points of Saddam's speech were:

- Allowing the formation of new political parties.
- Pardons for anyone convicted or wanted for political offences.

Internal

● A pledge not to interfere in the internal affairs of other Arab countries.

"What is expected from Iraq in the post-war era is not to stay in a shell..." the President said on television while receiving a group of Arab lawyers.

Role

"New parties will be formed in addition to the existing ones to play their role in the society," Saddam said.

The Baath Party dominates a progressive national and patriotic front which includes two other minor pro-government Kurdish parties, the

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Democratic Party of Kurdistan and the Kurdistan Revolutionary Party.

Saddam said the Baath Party adopted the idea of a multi-party system without reservations.

He said the changes were planned two years before the August ceasefire with Iran.

"We have prepared the stage on the level of allowing new parties to take part (in the country's affairs) and allowing the formation of additional parties which means a multiple party system."

He said he did not announce this political decision earlier because he was afraid Iraq would be seen as merely following what he described as the wave of multiple party system in other parts of the world — an apparent reference to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" political reforms.

Amnesty

The President went on to announce an amnesty for all political offenders, affecting prisoners inside Iraq and exiles who have fled the country.

"I announce before you that any person who was convicted or wanted for political reasons will be pardoned... It is a general amnesty for those who are inside or outside Iraq except for the

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Saddam (left) and Mubarak arriving at the presidential palace in Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Surprise talks held with Mubarak

Saddam dashes to Egypt

CAIRO, Nov 28, (Reuters): President Saddam Hussein of Iraq arrived in Egypt unannounced today and held surprise talks with President Mubarak on backing the Palestinian cause and other Middle East issues.

Top aides flanked the two leaders, who last met in Baghdad last month with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, for the unscheduled meeting in the presidential palace.

Co-existing

Izzat Ibrahim, vice-chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, led Saddam's official team while Mubarak was supported by Egypt's unofficial number two, Defence Minister Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala, and Prime Minister Atef Sedki.

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz of Iraq and Esmat Abdel Maguid of Egypt were also in the delegations, along with ministers responsible for foreign affairs, religious matters and information.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Saddam told reporters at the airport that the Palestinian cause would be a priority item in his talks with Mubarak.

He said it was necessary to reinforce decisions taken in Algiers this month by the Palestine National Council (PNC).

The PNC, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, proclaimed a Palestinian state co-existing with Israel and called for an international peace conference on the basis of United Nations "land for peace" resolutions recognising Israel's right to exist.

MENA quoted Saddam as saying the PNC decisions should be supported "with all our strength and in different fields to serve the struggling Palestinian people fighting to regain their land and form their independent state."

King Hussein of Jordan is also expected in Cairo this week for talks with Mubarak on steps to follow up the Palestinian proclamation of an independent state.

Syria cracks down on Shiite militiamen

BEIRUT, Nov 28, (Agencies): The Syrian Army launched a major drive today to end five days of fighting in West Beirut, raiding houses, seizing weapons and arresting 300 feuding militiamen.

About 600 soldiers, armed with rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machineguns, took part in the search for fighters of the Syrian-backed Amal and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah.

A Syrian officer said his troops arrested about 300 gunmen and confiscated arms in raids on houses and hideouts in the areas of Musaitbeh, Al Nweiri, Hay Al

Lija, Bourj Abu Haidar and Khandak Al Ghanik.

Scores of soldiers took up combat positions on street corners as others searched buildings. Truckloads of soldiers stood by.

The Syrian military command renewed orders to its men to shoot gunmen on sight following the collapse of six truces since fighting between the rival Shiite Muslim militias erupted on Thursday.

"If you see anyone holding a gun, spray him immediately. Kill him on the spot. We're not playing around here," said an officer

as he ordered his unit to search a seven-storey building in Bourj Abu Haidar.

The crackdown followed a clash between Hezbollah and Amal in the Houd Al Wilaya area of West Beirut in defiance of an earlier Syrian "shoot on sight" warning.

Police said gunmen fought a 40-minute gunbattle around the Iranian embassy in West Beirut's seaside Jnab district before dawn.

Police said two people were killed and six wounded in that clash. Syrian peacekeeping troops then intervened and halted the flare-up.

Three other people were killed and seven wounded in a 20-minute mortar duel between the two sides shortly after midnight in South Beirut, according to police.

The new casualties upped the overall toll to 40 killed and 87 wounded since the latest Amal-Hezbollah confrontation erupted on Wednesday.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi arrived in Amman today for talks with Jordanian officials on war-torn Lebanon, official sources here said.

Iraqi, Iranian territorial waters have to be examined

Drifting mines pose the greatest danger

By Jadranka Porter

A FRENCH Navy officer has said substantial progress in the peace talks between Iraq and Iran is needed before the states bordering on the Gulf can mount a concerted effort to clear the Gulf of mines.

Speaking aboard the French Navy mine-hunter, the Cassiopee, the ship's captain, Lt. Comm. Alain Besnault said: "The situation in the Gulf is not clear. The Iraqi and Iranian territorial waters have to be examined. The greatest danger is now posed by drifting mines which appear to come from the northern reaches of the Gulf. It is necessary to neutralise these mines before they break loose."

The Cassiopee is currently demonstrating to the Gulf states' mine-searching experts its mine clearing capabilities.

The Cassiopee is one of the new generation French Navy mine-bunters developed jointly by France, Belgium and Holland. She is searching for mines in the commercial routes in the Gulf's international waters.

The Cassiopee arrived in the Gulf in early October but has not detected a single mine yet. This is not to say that the Gulf is entirely safe for navigation, according to Besnault.

"If there are no mines in the Gulf, what are we doing here?" he asked.

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Cassiopee

New Pakistani President to be elected on Dec 12

ISLAMABAD, Nov 28, (Reuters): A new Pakistani President will be elected on Dec 12 to succeed military ruler Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq who died in a plane crash last August, the government election commission announced today.

Chief Election Commissioner S.A. Nurat told a news conference nominations would be received on Dec 6, four days after a new prime minister is to take office.

Senate (upper house) Chairman Ghulam Ishaq Khan became acting President when Zia died on Aug 17 in a crash, officials say was probably caused

by sabotage. The new President, with vast constitutional powers, will be elected for a four-year term by members of Parliament and the four Provincial Assemblies.

Speculated

Zia, who seized power in a 1977 coup, was declared President after a controversial 1984 referendum on his Islamic policies.

In general elections on Nov 16 Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party won 45 per cent of the Muslim seats in the National Assembly (lower house) compared to 27 per cent for the

Islamic Democratic Alliance.

Ishaq Khan is due to name a prime minister on Thursday, with Benazir the main contender.

Benazir, seeking to become the Muslim world's first woman prime minister, said last week her PPP would not press for a "party candidate" for President when Ishaq Khan steps down.

Political analysts have speculated she could support Ishaq Khan for re-election to reassure the armed forces, who overthrew her father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in the 1977 coup.

The Pakistani constitution empowers the President to name a prime minister, dissolve the

National Assembly and appoint chiefs of the armed forces.

The National Assembly will meet on Nov 30 to elect the women members.

The Provincial Assemblies of the Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan and the NWFP will also meet on Nov 30 to elect the women members of these assemblies.

Powerful

The speakers and deputy speakers of the Provincial Assemblies and the chief ministers of the provinces will be elected on Dec 2.

The battle for control of the Punjab provincial government is

still open. The IDA beat the PPP into second place in Punjab in provincial elections on Nov 19 but fell short of a majority.

Punjab contains 55 per cent of Pakistan's 104 million people and the post of chief minister is very powerful.

The current chief minister, appointed by Zia, is Nawaz Sharif, the IDA's most prominent figure. Both sides have been seeking to woo the independents who hold the balance of power in the Punjab Assembly.

The PPP is putting up one of its strongest candidates, Farooq Leghari, party secretary-general Tikka Khan announced today.

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Grand Bingo

The First and Second Full House prizes have been won. Mrs Iftekhar Hoda will receive KD100 for the First Full House and Miss Nicola Banerji KD60 for the Second. Game No. 67 continues for the Third Full House.

هكزمن الاربعين

INTERNATIONAL

Musavi seen in public despite arrest report

NICOSIA, Nov. 28. (AP): Diplomatic sources in Tehran said today that Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi was apparently still in office despite a British newspaper report that he had been forced to resign and was under house arrest.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity in telephone contacts by the Associated Press in Nicosia, said Musavi was seen attending official functions in the Iranian capital last Thursday.

The Observer newspaper of London, quoting unidentified sources in Tehran, reported yesterday that Musavi, 47, was forced out last week after weeks of political wrangling among Iranian leaders.

Ali Akbar Velayati, Iran's Foreign Minister, is expected to be the new prime minister, the newspaper said.

There has been no official announcement from Tehran on Musavi's reported ouster. The Observer said his "resignation" was apparently not made public because West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher is visiting Iran.

But the Islamic Republic News Agency, quoted Musavi as say-

ing yesterday that he planned to visit Romania soon. The agency referred to him as the prime minister.

Tehran Radio reported today that Musavi was visiting the northern city of Gorgan, 120 miles (190 kilometres) northwest of Tehran.

That was the latest in a series of inspection tours he has made of Iranian provinces since the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the eight-year-old war with Iraq.

Musavi, a hardline radical, has been battling with right-wing clerics who opposed his efforts to exert tight state control of the economy and curb moves by more pragmatic leaders to end Iran's isolation by improving relations with the West and Arab countries.

Musavi favours nationalisation of industry and trade, price controls and non-co-operation with the West.

He had come under increasing pressure from the so-called pragmatists led by Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's influential Parliament Speaker, who favours opening doors to the outside world to aid Iran's post-war reconstruction.

Party meeting on reforms opens

Estonian sovereignty bid unacceptable: Gorbachev

MOSCOW, Nov. 28. (Reuters): The Soviet Communist Party central committee met in full session today to discuss proposed constitutional changes to go before the country's Parliament tomorrow.

The official news agency Tass said the meeting was being addressed by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who has called for approval of the measures as a major stage of his "perestroika" programme for the renewal of Soviet society.

The meeting took place as the Baltic Republic of Estonia challenged the Kremlin's authority and fresh ethnic violence rocked Soviet Azerbaijan.

On television yesterday, Gorbachev rejected an Estonian plan for broad autonomy, saying it

was "erroneous and invalid" and the fruit of political mistakes by the republic's leaders.

He said nationalist extremists were active in largely Muslim Azerbaijan and its mainly Christian neighbour Armenia, as well as in other Soviet republics.

Speculation.

Gorbachev said it was necessary "to stop demagogues, those who embark on political speculation by taking advantage of the processes of democratisation and glasnost (openness)" — the two main elements of perestroika.

An overwhelming vote by Estonia's Parliament to assume control over the Baltic republic's national resources and assume a veto over Kremlin decisions was "totally unacceptable," Gorbachev said.

chev said.

"This must be rejected and recognised as having no juridical force," he declared, pounding the table before him for emphasis as he spoke to presidents from the country's 15 republics and other senior parliamentary officials.

In a passionate admonishment, Gorbachev waved his finger down the table at Estonia's white-haired, elegant President Arnold Ruutel and told him he should have warned the republic's Parliament of the consequences of their action.

Officials in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, said today the city was generally quiet after nine days of demonstrations in defiance of orders by a military commander trying to halt ethnic

strife.

A spokeswoman at the Azerbaijani news agency Azerinform said groups were still gathering on street corners but troops patrolling the city made no attempt to move them on.

The city of Kirovabad, where the worst violence of the past week occurred, was also quiet, according to local officials. Troops have imposed an iron grip on the city to prevent clashes between Azerbaijanis and Armenians.

Hostility

In the past week, at least 10 people including three soldiers have been killed and at least 150 injured in clashes arising from hostility between Azerbaijanis and Armenians, according to

official accounts.

For the past nine months the two republics have been in dispute over the Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, whose predominantly Armenian population has demanded its transfer to Armenian control.

In the Estonian capital, Tallinn, state television broadcast an interview from Moscow with Communist Party leader Vaino Valjas, who said he would not give up a drive for sovereignty for the republic.

Some foreign analysts say the past few weeks, during which Lithuania, Latvia and Georgia have also questioned their role in the federation, have seen the most serious challenge to the unity of the country since the Nazi invasion in 1941.

Arafat will address UN, pledges ...

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Delors said he spoke as a private citizen and not on behalf of the commission.

Other European nations to criticise the move included the Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, France, Norway, Denmark and Spain. Australia, another US ally, also called the action incorrect.

Turkish Foreign Ministry officials, who spoke on condition they not be named, said the US decision violated the headquarters agreement and that the US was obligated to let Arafat enter the country.

Saudi Arabia expressed deep regret at the US decision.

"This decision has surprised the government of Saudi Arabia which stands by the Palestinian right," the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) last night quoted a responsible source as saying.

Other Gulf states, calling on the US to reverse its decision were Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Syria, despite its long-standing feud with Arafat, also criticised what it called the US bias toward Israel as demonstrated by denial of the visa.

Iraq to allow formation of political parties

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spies or those who worked as spies for Iran or for the Iranian Army.

"Those who are in jail will be freed and those who are outside the country will be pardoned," the President said.

Saddam said Iraq would not interfere in the internal affairs of Arab countries.

"What is expected from Iraq... is to interact with the Arab issues in a way that the Arabs feel that we do not intend to interfere in their affairs," he said.

The domestic political changes followed economic moves designed to boost the private sector and encourage investment in peacetime reconstruction.

Iraq actively encourages new credits to increase oil production, improve transport and step up industrial output.

Genscher raises hostage issue in Tehran talks

TEHRAN, Nov. 28. (Reuters): West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher, starting talks in Tehran, voiced concern today about alleged human rights abuses in Iran and the ordeal of 18 Westerners believed held hostage in Lebanon.

Aides said Genscher specifically mentioned Terry Anderson, an American journalist kidnapped by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims in March 1985.

"The fate of the hostages in Lebanon was only brought up briefly today, but the matter will be addressed more extensively in further talks tomorrow," an official in Genscher's party said.

Pilgrimage. Genscher is the most senior Western minister to visit Tehran since the August ceasefire in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war. He arrived last night for two days of talks expected to focus on trade and the plight of the hostages in Lebanon.

Bonn government sources said Genscher, using West Germany's record of good relations with Tehran throughout the war, would try to persuade Iranian leaders to press their Shiite disciples in Lebanon to free the hostages.

Genscher, in talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, also expressed concern

about human rights violations reported by London-based Amnesty International, aides said.

He studied Amnesty's latest report before leaving for Tehran and "brought up some very concrete cases," one aide said. "The Iranian side didn't block this discussion, but rather referred to the principles of Islamic law."

Pressure

Tehran Radio said Velayati told Genscher Iran wanted to deepen economic ties with West Germany but would not tolerate Western pressure on human rights.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran in no way allows others to interfere in Iran's internal affairs under the false pretext of human rights," the radio quoted Velayati as saying.

"Islam is the biggest protector of humans and their rights... we will never compromise on Islam and the defence of our people's rightful interests for anything."

Velayati said West Germany could play a major role in Iran's post-war economic reconstruction and Tehran also wanted stronger political co-operation, the radio reported.

Iranian television said 112 industrialists and officials accompanied Genscher on his second visit to Iran since 1984.

Israelis demolish Arab houses

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (AP): Three Palestinians were reported shot and wounded today when dozens of masked youths hurled stones at soldiers in the West Bank city of Nablus. A Palestinian general strike shut down the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

More than 300,000 residents were confined to their homes in the two occupied territories under Army curfew orders aimed at curbing violence during the general strike. Arab reports and Israeli Radio said.

The 6,000 Palestinian residents of the Al Amari refugee camp in the West Bank were

under curfew for the 10th straight day. Curfews were reported on eight Gaza Strip refugee camps, parts of Gaza city, and the West Bank towns of Tulkarim and Qalqilya.

The Army, meanwhile, used the strike day for house demolitions, military officials said.

Curfew

Arabs in the West Bank village of Al Khadr near the Biblical Bethlehem said soldiers clamped a curfew on the village and were demolishing several houses.

The Army said one house was demolished last night in the Gaza Strip village of Beit Hanoun. It said the house belonged to

Yazidi Wahi, who was arrested in Gaza and accused of leading an outlawed popular committee and of taking part in a firebomb attack on Israeli troops.

Disension arose among Palestinians, meanwhile, over strikes called by rival Palestinian groups as part of the nearly year-long uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

Leaders of Israel's 600,000 Arab minority, in an unprecedented move today, said they will complain to the United Nations that government authorities discriminate against Arabs.

Salvador Dali suffers from pneumonia

FIGUERES, Spain, Nov. 28. (UPI): Surrealist painter Salvador Dali remained hospitalised today with pneumonia and heart problems, his doctors said.

The 84-year-old painter was rushed to the Figueres hospital yesterday evening when he came down with a fever and suffered a bout of coughing.

Dr. Carlos Ponsati, director of the hospital, said Dali was suffering from pneumonia which had, in turn, caused an insufficient flow of blood to the left side of his heart.

"His condition is serious because of his advanced age," Ponsati said, adding that Dali would remain hospitalised for about a week.

He said Dali, who still sports his trademark flowing moustache and long hair, came down with a cold on Thursday which brought on pneumonia.

Mayor Mariano Lorca visited Dali's bedside and said the painter was conscious and in good spirits.

"He is somewhat nervous but he wants to get well and is co-

operating with his doctors," Lorca said.

Dali has lived in seclusion in a wing of the Dali museum in his native Figueres in Spain's northern region of Catalonia since Sept. 1984.

Attended round the clock by nurses, he has been on a respirator and fed intravenously for the past two years. He was outfitted with a pacemaker in 1986.

Dali's health began to decline shortly after the death of Gala, his Russian-born wife of 40 years, in June 1982.

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Police arrest a political activist during an opposition-led general strike in Dhaka. (Reuters wirephoto)

Police clash with demonstrators

Anti-Ershad strike in Dhaka

DHAKA, Nov 28, (AP): Helmeted policemen fired tear gas at bomb-throwing demonstrators outside Dhaka University today during a half-day strike against President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, witnesses said.

At least five people, including a policeman, were injured by fragments from the small, homemade bombs, police said. Twenty people had been arrested by the time the strike ended at 0000, according to the police, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The strike was sponsored by two of Bangladesh's main opposition groups as part of their yearlong effort to force Ershad to resign.

The city of six million people was generally calm except around Dhaka University, where police confronted roving bands of youths who threw stones, bricks and homemade bombs.

Paramilitary troops on trucks

patrolled the streets.

About 50 protesters hurled small bombs that generally exploded harmlessly in the street in front of the university's arts building, witnesses said.

Police responded by firing at least a dozen tear gas shells to disperse the bomb-throwers, according to Mohammad Alam, a photographer for the Bengali-language newspaper Ittefaq.

The strike was called by Jamat-e-Islami, a Muslim fundamentalist party, and a seven-party alliance led by Khaleda Zia, head of the Bangladesh National Party.

The third main opposition group, an eight-party alliance headed by Sheikh Hasina of the Awami League, did not join the strike but planned to hold rallies across the nation as part of what it called "resistance day against the autocratic regime."

Mrs Zia and Hasina put aside their personal differences a year

ago to co-operate in an "Ershad-must-go campaign." Their series of often-violent strikes failed to budge the former Army General, leaving the opposition divided and fractious. Mrs Zia and Hasina blamed each other for the failure and have pursued separate protests.

Rain helped ease the tension in the early hours of today's strike, with both protesters and police staying off the streets in large numbers. Some people walked to work, since most public transport halted. A few state-run buses and some private owned bicycle-powered rickshaws plied the streets.

A senior official at the Bangladesh Secretariat, said the employee turnout at government offices and banks was thin in the early morning. But the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said attendance started picking up by mid-morning.

Peace overtures no gimmick, says Abu Sharif

Palestine and Israel 'can coexist'

MANAMA, Nov 28, (AP): A senior adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has said in an article that Palestinian acceptance of Israel is not "a public relations gimmick" or an attempt to throw "dust in the world's eyes."

In a 3,000-word article titled "A message from the PLO gives peace a visa," Bassam Abu Sharif rebutted arguments raised against the Palestine National Council's implicit recognition of Israel and decision to restrict armed attacks to Israel and Israeli-occupied territories.

Its title refers to the US rejection of Arafat's application for a visa in order to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Dec 1 on the Palestinian issue.

Resolutions
The National Council's Nov 15 declaration of an independent Palestinian state and endorsement of UN resolutions were "an honest expression of the Palestinian majority's belief that the state of Palestine can coexist alongside the state of Israel," the article said.

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The independence declaration and accompanying political programme implicitly recognise Israel by accepting all UN resolutions, including one that calls for all states in the region to live in peace.

"The peace offer ... comes from a people determined to regain its rights and who have now decided to believe the Israelis, Americans, Soviets, Europeans and others who have been assuring them that those rights can be regained by peaceful means," the article said.

But Abu Sharif expressed disappointment at the decision in Algiers by the Palestine National Council, the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile.

"The response of Israel and the US administration so far suggest that it was a bad gamble and a naive hope ... suggest that people in charge in Tel Aviv and Washington want to provoke the PLO into dropping all peace options."

Abu Sharif also recalled that a position paper he authored five months ago, acknowledging Israel's right to exist, had become a Palestinian platform. The paper attracted widespread international attention.

US policy
He also voiced hopes that a new US administration would adopt a more conciliatory position toward the PLO.

"... since neither I nor the majority of my colleagues are anxious to trade the peace pipe in just yet, I still cling to one shred of hope: that (George) Shultz and the Reagan administration is speaking for itself and not for the American people or for (James) Baker and the Bush administration," he wrote.

"My hope now is that Washington 1989 will differ from Washington 1988 and give peace a visa," he added. "If I am once more risking a charge of gullibility, that is a small price to pay compared with the disaster I fear will strike us, the Israelis, the Mideast, and everyone with

interests in that region when hope runs out."

Referring to opinion that the PLO has not truly renounced terrorism, Abu Sharif quoted from both the Algiers independence declaration and an accompanying political declaration, saying that terrorism was "renounced twice."

Replying to criticism of the council for not explicitly recognising Israel, he replied: "The question is legitimate, and the answer is that neither I nor the PNC — nor for that matter, the United States — recognise Israel as it stands today, in control of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and determined, according to the repeated pledges of Yitzhak Shamir, his Likud Bloc and their various allies, to hold on to them."

Abu Sharif also responded to claims that the endorsement of Resolutions 242 and 338 conflicts with the founding charter of the PLO, which Israel believes calls for its destruction.

Algerian party set to endorse Chadli

ALGIERS, Nov 28, (Reuters): Algeria's ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) today began the second day of a key congress called to map out a new political landscape and endorse the leadership of President Chadli Benjedid.

The FLN is expected to give broad backing to political reforms ending the monopoly on power it has enjoyed since independence from France in 1962.

Chadli told the opening session of the Congress on Sunday that if the Algerian people wanted a multi-party system then the FLN would have to bow before the wishes of the majority.

Hinting the issue may be put to a popular vote, he said the time was not yet right to allow rival political parties.

In the short term, Chadli has proposed allowing non-FLN candidates to stand for elections, weakening the bonds between government and party, and allowing youth and professional groups to operate free from FLN control.

New faces

"It is necessary," he said, "to welcome all those who sincerely desire to express themselves on the problems faced by the country and its future into the (party's) ranks."

Chadli must seek a new mandate as FLN secretary-general from the Congress if he wishes to stand for another presidential term. Under the constitution, the party leader automatically becomes the sole candidate for state presidency.

The congress — only the sixth since independence from France in 1962 — takes place at a time of increasing signs of impatience with one-party rule.

Strikes and demonstrations have followed a wave of violent rioting which hit the country in October and forced a rethink of its political direction.

The congress, originally expected to deal only with economic matters, must now debate political reforms. To quell the unrest, Chadli promised to end the FLN's monopoly on power.

World tribes want their land back

MANILA, Nov 28, (Reuters): Tribal groups from Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States have ended a five-day conference with a call for the restoration of their ancestral lands and a voice in government policies affecting indigenous peoples.

In a declaration signed at the United Nations-sponsored conference on indigenous and traditional cultures and released to reporters today, the tribes stressed "the right of ... indigenous communities to preserve their cultural traditions."

"We learned that tribes all over the world share a common problem of not being consulted by their governments in making policies that affect them," said Juao Dait, a leader of one of several Philippine tribal groups that attended the meeting.

Dait said the conference was optimistic the United Nations would be able to help the tribespeople attain their demands.

Philippine tribal groups complained at the conference that thousands of indigenous people had been forced out of their homes as a result of fighting between government troops and communist and Muslim rebels.

The conference, which ended on Sunday, was attended by delegates from China, Denmark, Egypt, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Uganda, Britain and the United States.

429 bodies found in Thailand after floods

BANGKOK, Nov 28, (AP): Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan said today that 429 bodies were recovered from storm-ravaged villages of southern Thailand in the country's worst natural disaster in decades.

"We need aid from foreign countries," he said after an emergency cabinet meeting. The United States and Britain provided initial assistance today with relief checks totaling \$43,400.

Floods and mudslides from a week of heavy rains starting Nov 19 struck 12 southern provinces. Dozens of people are still buried in the mud, Chatichai said.

More than 380 people remain missing and 2,050 others were injured, said Maj. Gen. Kittu Rattanachaya, deputy commander of the Fourth Army region in the south.

The same weather system that battered southern Thailand moved through Malaysia a few days earlier, killing 31 people and forcing tens of thousands from their homes.

Chatichai said the flooding and mudslides affected about 600,000 people, destroyed 7,000 houses and caused \$120 million in damage.

Kittu said 16 helicopters were dropping food and medicine to isolated villages. Hundreds of troops were sent to clear routes to transport emergency supplies to the villages, he said.

Many of the dead were in villages in Nakhon Sri Thammarat province, where mud and thousands of logs cascaded down hillsides left barren by illegal logging, slamming into houses and crushing people.

Chatichai today ordered a search for the poachers responsible, but little has been done despite repeated promises by successive Thai governments to control the problem.

Aquino dismisses rumours of coup

MANILA, Nov 28, (UPI): President Corazon Aquino today brushed aside fresh rumours of a coup attempt and said the hundreds of supporters of ousted ruler Ferdinand Marcos who massed in the capital over the weekend were just out to "make noises."

Col. Orlando Oxaes, security commander in Metropolitan Manila, ordered the removal of military checkpoints set up on approaches to the city Saturday night as rumours of another mutiny spread.

The rumours were fuelled by reports that 21 buses ferried hundreds of civilian Marcos supporters into the capital shortly before midnight Saturday. Some of the supporters distributed leaflets to reporters urging the military to overthrow the Aquino government and offering up to 3 million pesos (\$150,000) for the capture of senior generals.

Several Marcos supporters were detained for questioning. They were released after the Marcos group held an overnight

vigil at a suburban park. "That was not a coup attempt," Aquino told reporters. "They were just making noises and they wanted to be noticed, but that's all they were able to do."

Aquino, who has crushed five coup attempts since she took power in a civilian-backed military revolt in Feb 1986, said she expects her political enemies to keep on trying to unseat her.

"But I think they should realise now that the people are against them and will not support them if it is something like this," Aquino said.

"As I said, I am very confident that there will no longer be any coup attempt," Aquino said.

Aquino said she attended two dinner parties Saturday night and that security forces did not inform her about the massing by the Marcos loyalists because "apparently there was no cause for alarm."

Most of the demonstrators who arrived in the capital on Saturday came from Aquino's home province of Tarlac.

Greens call for demilitarising Himalayas

NEW DELHI, Nov 28, (AP): Petra Kelly, founding member of West Germany's Green Party, has called for demilitarising the Himalayas mountains and halting deforestation in the region.

"We hope that all countries in this area, particularly India and China, start to finally take an initiative to establish such a zone of peace and ecology," Ms. Kelly and her Greens parliament colleague, Gert Bastian, said in a statement issued at the end of their two-week visit to India.

"The deforestation of the forests of the Himalayas has led to the depletion of the ozone level, which is criminal. This area should be free of military installation and military bases and plants," said the statement signed by the two ecology-minded West German legislators.

The three-paragraph statement didn't mention Tibet, a Himalayan country that was invaded by China in 1949 and annexed a year later. But well-placed sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said the statement was aimed at the situation in Tibet.

Top Israeli official visits Moscow

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 28, (UPI): The highest-ranking Israeli official to visit the Soviet Union in at least 21 years arrived in Moscow on a trip Israeli leaders said they had co-ordinated with him, officials said today.

Director-general Avraham Tamir arrived in Moscow on Sunday from The Hague, where he apparently received a visa to enter the Soviet Union on a regular tourist visa, not an official one, the Jerusalem Post reported. Earlier reports indicated Tamir left Israel on Friday for talks in Africa and made no mention of a possible visit to Moscow.

A Foreign Ministry official said the Moscow trip was a "technical visit to check the procedures and working conditions of the consular delegation," which arrived in the Soviet Union earlier this year.

The spokesman said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres did not know about Tamir's Soviet visit, and declined further comment on Peres' reaction. The Prime Minister's office also said it has not been informed in advance of the visit.

A front-page headline of the Ma'ariv newspaper read, "Peres amazed: The director of his ministry travelled to Moscow without reporting to anyone." The newspaper also reported that when Peres was told Tamir had received a visa to Moscow and was flying there, the Foreign Minister answered in a note to one of his aides, "Tell him to return immediately."

Hirohito's son cancels birthday party

TOKYO, Nov 28, (AP): Prince Hitachi, the second son of Emperor Hirohito, cancelled celebrations for his 53rd birthday today because of his ailing father's condition, palace officials said.

The prince cancelled a traditional birthday news conference and tea-party and will celebrate the event with a few family members and friends, an official at the imperial household agency said.

Hitachi is fourth in line to the Chrysanthemum Throne after his elder brother, Crown Prince Akihito, and Akihito's two sons.

Hirohito lay in his chambers at Fushimi Palace on the 71st day since falling seriously ill with intestinal hemorrhaging.

Palace spokesman Kenji Maeda said the 87-year-old monarch sleeps most of the time and rarely speaks.

Yugoslav guard to face police probe

SYDNEY, Nov 28, (AP): Yugoslav officials agreed today to allow police to question a Yugoslav consulate security guard accused of shooting a 16-year-old youth during a demonstration outside the building.

The Yugoslav government lodged an official protest with Australia yesterday for what it claimed was a lack of police protection during the demonstration by 1,500 ethnic Croats in front of the consulate in Sydney.

But Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said the shooting was "intolerable" and warned any plea for diplomatic immunity would be rejected. Evans called the incident "totally indefensible" and said the question of diplomatic immunity did not arise.

Yugoslav Ambassador Boris Cizelj told the Foreign Ministry today that his government had given its permission for police to interview the security guard. Cizelj also promised to surrender the gun and gave an assurance the security guard would not leave Australia until police completed their investigation.

The shooting victim, Josef Tokic, was recovering today in St Vincent's Hospital after surgeons operated on his throat. Doctors listed the teenager's condition as critical but stable.

The hospital said it was contemplating a second operation because doctors had been unable to remove the bullet from the youth's neck. In surgery yesterday, they managed only to stitch Tokic's throat wound.

Yugoslavia issued a strongly worded protest to Australia over what it called the failure of Sydney police to protect the consulate during the demonstration.

The Yugoslav state news agency Tanjug said Yugoslav Assistant Foreign Secretary Ilija Djukic had lodged "the most energetic protest" with Peter Shannon, the Australian Embassy Charge d'Affaires in Belgrade.

The report said the protest was over the "rude hostile attack on the integrity of the (Yugoslav) general consulate ... carried out in full view of ... Australian police."



Bystanders help Josef Tokic, 16, as he lies bleeding on the ground after he was shot during a rowdy demonstration in front of the Yugoslav consulate in Sydney. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Pentagon chief to visit Gulf

MANAMA, Nov 28, (AP): US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci will visit four Arab states during a quick swing through the Gulf next week, US officials said today.

A visit to one or more US warships in the Gulf is also on the itinerary for what is expected to be Carlucci's last planned tour before the Reagan administration leaves office in January, said the officials, who asked not to be named.

President-elect George Bush is reported considering several candidates, including former Texas Sen. John Tower, to succeed Carlucci in the top Pentagon post.

Invitation

Gulf-based sources, insisting on anonymity, said Carlucci's visit was mainly in response to a long-standing invitation from Oman's Defence Minister Al Mutassim Bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, during a visit to Washington last February.

Other stops, to confer with leaders in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia

and Kuwait, were added for diplomatic reasons, they said. There was no indication of whether Carlucci will discuss topics, such as the US force cut-back, in substance.

Despite the Aug 20 ceasefire that ended eight years of Iraqi-Kuwaiti hostilities, 11 Kuwait-owned oil tankers refuelled by the United States last year for protection still sail under the stars and stripes.

Carlucci, accompanied by Assistant Defence Secretary Richard Armitage, is to attend a NATO meeting in Brussels after his quick trip to the Gulf.

His acceptance of the Omani invitation appeared to reflect strong US interest in nurturing a relationship that has gained strength during the Gulf war, but remains more secretive than US ties with any other Gulf Arab state.

The Omanis permit US warships to refuel at a naval depot on the Arabian Sea coast, and also have served three times in the past 15 months as diplomatic go-betweens for the repatriation of

Iranians captured or rescued at sea by US forces.

The exclusive Omanis, who share control of the Strait of Hormuz, the strategic gateway to the Gulf, with Iran, have longstanding close military ties with Britain. They also, however, are the only Gulf state to participate in annual "Bright Star" military manoeuvres with the United States, Egypt, Somalia and Sudan.

Gateway

Carlucci's only previous visit to the Gulf as defence chief came last January, shortly after he was picked to replace ex-Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger. That time he visited Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, but not Oman.

Pentagon officials say the United States will scale back its fleet in the Gulf region if the Iraqi-Iran truce continues to hold, but have offered no timetable for the reduction.

So far, the force has been trimmed by two ships, from 27 to 25, and remains by far the largest of the six foreign navies in the Gulf.

US officers say further cutbacks might be made through cancelling orders of warships destined for Gulf deployment.

Force

The Gulf-based squadron of 15 ships returned to full strength on Sunday with the arrival of the amphibious assault ship USS Raleigh, which had been delayed for maintenance. The Raleigh carries a 400-man US marine combat force.

European navies are pulling out at a more rapid pace, with Belgium's last minesweeper having left, the Netherlands' last minesweeper destined to go on Dec 2 and the last five Italian warships scheduled to sail for home by Dec 31.

Saddam's son released

BAGHDAD, Nov 28, (AP): President Saddam Hussein's son, Qadhi, accused of killing a presidential bodyguard has been released from jail, official sources said today.

The official Iraqi News Agency, said that a three-man judicial committee investigating Qadhi, 25, yesterday ordered that he be released on "personal commitment" to appear for questioning whenever summoned.

The committee referred the case to a criminal tribunal, it said. The sources, requesting anonymity, said he was freed yesterday.

Investigate

The President ordered Justice Minister Akram Abdul Qader Al Douri last week to appoint a committee to investigate his eldest son, jailed three days after killing the bodyguard, Kamel Haqo Gegeo, on Oct 18.

Saddam refused clemency petitions submitted by an Arab youth conference and the victim's father, Hana Gegeo, who is said to be the President's cook.

Satellite experts visit Kuwait

KUWAIT, Nov 28, (KUNA): Communications. Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Ahmad Al Ayoub Sunday received a ten-member delegation of specialists in information, marketing and planning for European satellites in France, Switzerland and Britain.

A ministry source said that the visit of that team to Kuwait comes in co-ordination with Arabsat to expand the use of the Arab satellite in telecommunications and television broadcasting. The delegation also will compare the Arab satellite organisation's services to other similar organisations.

Network

Talks focussed on Arabsat services and possibility of employing the international digital network on the local and international levels, he added.

The team then toured the ground satellite station in Umm Al Aiyesh. It was to go to Jordan today as part of its tour of the Arab countries.

Drifting mines pose the greatest danger

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Until last week some 177 mines had been found in the Gulf by different navies. Besnault said the French Navy found about 10 mines. The French have maintained one mine-hunter in the Gulf since July last year and Besnault said this type of a mine-hunter is "the best vessel to locate and destroy mines."

"We are well equipped to do this job with a minimum exposure to danger," he told the Arab Times.

He said that the French Navy vessels in the Gulf have occasionally received support from the Gulf states' navies, but stressed that the French Navy had not undertaken any mission specifically in the interest of any one Gulf state.

He pointed out that there is no co-operation between different navies in the Gulf.

Interference

"What we are trying to do is to avoid interference," said Besnault. He said there are no plans for the withdrawal of the French Navy from the Gulf.

The captain of the Cassiopee described the French Navy mission in the Gulf as successful.

"We have suffered no damage and have successfully protected French merchant vessels plying the Gulf waters," said Besnault. The French have maintained a fleet of 10 warships in the Indian Ocean for many years.

In addition to the Cassiopee, there are another two or three French warships in the Gulf now, the captain said.

The Cassiopee, which is manned by 50 officers and sailors, is so small that a short tour is sufficient to see most of its equipment. In the fore-end of the boat is a 20 mm gun used to destroy floating mines by shooting them from a safe distance.

The vessel is equipped by a so-called PAP system consisting of two remote control devices which have a built-in camera. Once they are immersed in water, the crew can easily identify the

mines through a television circuit. The remote control devices are also used to destroy the mines by placing an explosive charge near the mine.

There is a dummy mine on board as well which, once immersed in the water can provide the crew with valuable information on water conditions such as salinity, visibility and currents.

The officers are anxious to point out a difference between a mine-sweeper and a mine-hunter.

The mine-sweeper, they say, in fact sweeps the mines in its trail, while the mine-hunter searches the waters ahead of it.

The Cassiopee can detect mines placed as deep as 80 metres below the surface and at a distance of 500 metres.

The Cassiopee's crew, a bunch of mainly young and jolly Frenchmen, said they enjoy their mission in the Gulf. Three of them, including the ship's doctor, are doing their military service.

Oliver, one of the three, who will probably never return to a sailor's life, said he will remember their mission in the Gulf for the rest of his life.

Danger

The Cassiopee arrived in the Gulf in early October several months after the ceasefire. Mines are the only remaining danger to the Gulf, said the captain. But there is no tension among the crew. Whenever the Cassiopee sails she has her sonar working. At night she casts anchor. As the vessel is small and the supplies of food and fuel run out fast frequent port calls are a must, much to the crew's delight.

Explaining the ship's name, Olivier tells the story of a beautiful Ethiopian queen, Cassiopee, whose daughter, Andromeda, was saved from certain death by Perseus, a hero from Greek mythology. Cassiopee is also the name of a Northern Hemisphere constellation.

The Cassiopee will leave the Gulf in early December when another French mine-hunter will arrive to replace it.

Sri Lankans in Kuwait give cash to family

COLOMBO, Nov 28, (KUNA): Sri Lankan expatriates in Kuwait have donated money for the maintenance of three fatherless blind girls in central Sri Lanka, a spokesman for the island's Public Trusts Office said today.

The spokesman said the donation was made possible through the efforts of the country's top diplomat in Kuwait, Abdul Qader Mohamed, who after reading about the plight of the fatherless family of Mrs Bandura Manike to a local newspaper started the fund to help them.

The spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a sum of 120,000 Sri Lankan rupees (US\$4,000) was handed over yesterday to the Sri Lankan Public Trustee U. Mapa to be deposited for the family in a local savings bank.

All three girls are blind from birth and only their mother's earnings as a labourer keeps them alive, said the spokesman.

White ants damage property

THE director of Botanical Wealth at Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forest Resources, Jasssem Habib, said that the authority is co-operation with the Ministry of Housing Affairs and Kuwait Municipality have studied the possibility of fighting the white ants menace.

These pests have caused heavy damage at private and government buildings, he added.

In an interview with Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, the official said that the studies proved that adding insecticides to construction materials could counter these insects.

Guidelines

He said that the authority concluded a co-operation agreement with Kuwait University and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) whereby two joint committees have been formed to lay down preventive guidelines.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Bank honoured

THE British Bank of the Middle East (BBME) was nominated as the best retail bank in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) by Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) in a reception on Sunday of the Regency Intercontinental Hotel hosted by the prestigious international business journal.

More than 450 prominent businessmen and dignitaries attended the event along with Tanq Moayyed, the Minister of Information. At a press conference yesterday, John Hill, director of BBME and general manager of Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, who came to the island to attend the MEED award ceremony, expressed the gratitude of the oldest commercial bank in the Middle East on receiving the honour.

"BBME is the second largest foreign bank in Bahrain. We are proud to maintain our commitment to the region. We have kept well on course in modern banking by providing up-to-date banking services such as our latest international banking services. We are also the first bank in the region to introduce this service."

Hill said that BBME will reach a milestone in February, when the bank will celebrate its centennial year in the Middle East. BBME was started in Iran in 1889.

According to Rick White, marketing manager of BBME, the bank enjoys a reputation for specific attributes in the region.

"We are the most efficient retail bank in the region according to a survey conducted by Merac in Bahrain. We are the most trusted bank and also the institution where new innovations are introduced to upgrade and modernise our services, so as to provide better and quicker services to our customers."

While said that BBME is also the first bank to introduce a comprehensive 24-hour ATM (Automated Teller Machine) services in the island.

In spite of the difficult times in the banking industry in the region, BBME spokesman expressed optimism in better days ahead.

New perfume introduced

"SYBARIS" a new perfume for men was launched in Bahrain yesterday by Antonio Puig, the manufacturer from Spain, and their exclusive distributors and agents here, Yousuf A. Wahab Al Hawaj & Sons.

Speaking at a press conference at Sheraton Hotel, Julian Munoz, export manager of Antonio Puig, explained the concept and philosophy of the new fragrance.

"Sybaris is the name of an ancient Greek colony Catania in Southern Italy. The Sybaritic philosophy allows us to enjoy all good things in life with pleasure and without hurry."

Munoz said the new perfume, along with the other collection of Sybaris, represents masculinity, sophistication, handsomeness, virility and the macho image.

He said that Sybaris was created after three years of hard work and about 3,000 tests to give the men's fragrance market the latest and ultimate product.

Bishop visits Bahrain

THE Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received the bishop of Dohi Mar Thoma Syrian Church Rev Dr Joseph Mar Ibrahim.

Present at the audience were Foreign Minister, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and assistant undersecretary for Immigration and Passports, Sheikh Ali Bin Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa and Indian Ambassador M.P.M. Menon.

Also present were the resident vicar of Mar Thoma Parish in Bahrain, Rev T.K. Mathew and Acting Vice-President, Rev Zachariah.

Bishop Ibrahim is visiting Bahrain for the silver jubilee celebrations of Mar Thoma Syrian Church in the island, which has more than 1,000 families here.

The Amir welcomed the bishop's visit to Bahrain and said he hopes that the bishop will visit more often.

The bishop explained to the Amir the work done by the church in India as well as in Bahrain.

Sheikh Isa conveyed his blessings and best wishes for the celebration which the church is undertaking. The bishop expressed his gratitude to the Amir and for the patronage extended by Bahrain's ruler to different communities to practice their faith. He said it serves as an example to others.

Elderly man found dead

THE body of a 72-year-old man, later identified as Masoud M., was found yesterday in a house in Bayan.

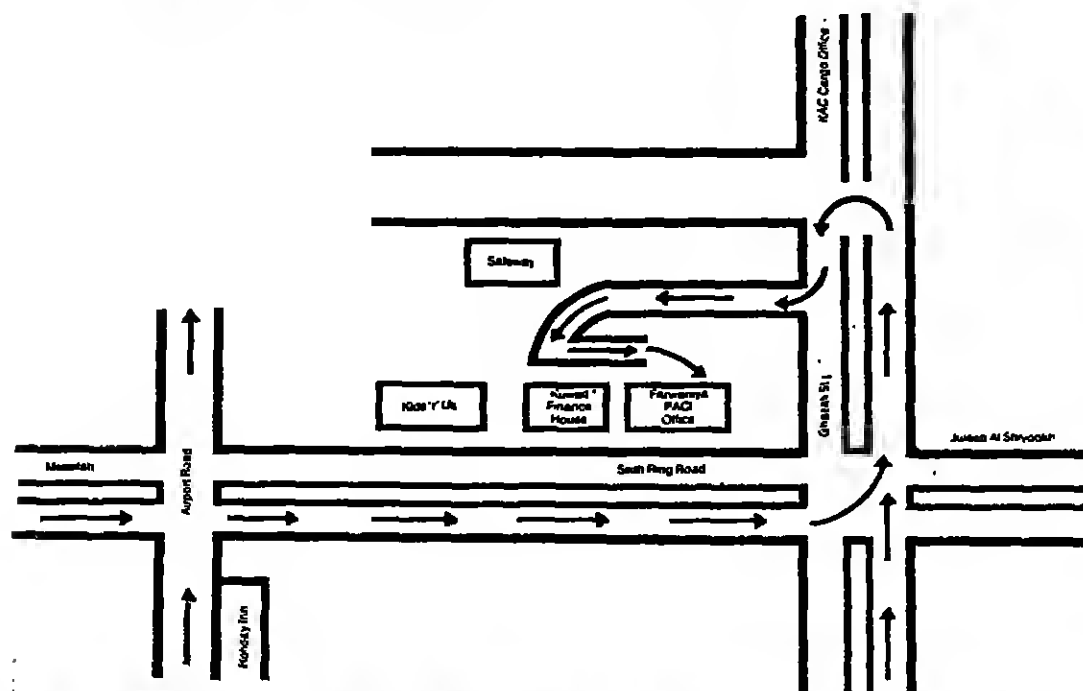
The man's body was found in an isolated room which had caught fire, officials said.

Two injured

A MAN and a woman were injured in traffic accidents yesterday, according to the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior.

Thirty-one accidents were reported in Kuwait yesterday. Sixteen wrecks were in Ahmadi, seven in Jahra, five in the Capital.

Farwaniya registration office to open



The Public Authority for Civil Information will open the authority's registration office in Farwaniya on Thursday at the Computers Complex south of Sixth Ring Road. The map shows how to get to the Farwaniya registration office.

Kuwaiti minister will address WHO meeting

GENEVA, Nov 28, (KUNA): Kuwait Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi is to be one of the key speakers at the World Health Organisation (WHO) Thursday, when the agency commemorates World AIDS Day.

Dr Al Awadi, a former health minister with a distinguished record of service in WHO affairs, including once presiding over its annual assembly, will be one of half a dozen top-level officials taking part in the meeting at the Organisation's headquarters.

Incurable

At the end of October AIDS had claimed 124,114 victims around the world, and roughly half of these have already died of the incurable illness.

In almost every country worldwide there will be ceremonies, events and the distribution of informational material to mark AIDS day.

Canadians to leave Iraq

By Lima Al Khalafawi

CANADIAN personnel affiliated with the United Nations peacekeeping forces monitoring the ceasefire between Iran and



Capt. Jude Mayer

Iraq will leave in early December, according to Capt. Jude Mayer of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Canadian contingent of about 250 men from the Signal Regiment will be replaced by civilians and experts from the United Nations.

Mayer told the Arab Times that he is now in Kuwait to co-ordinate plans to take the Canadians back home by ship and UN aircraft.

The first Canadian Signal Regiment stationed on the Iranian side of the border left for Canada on Nov 20, Canadian Warrant Officer Andre Nadeau said.

The second regiment now stationed in Iraq will leave for home on Dec 14 aboard the Norwegian ship "Basso Polar" now anchored outside Shuwaikh Port.

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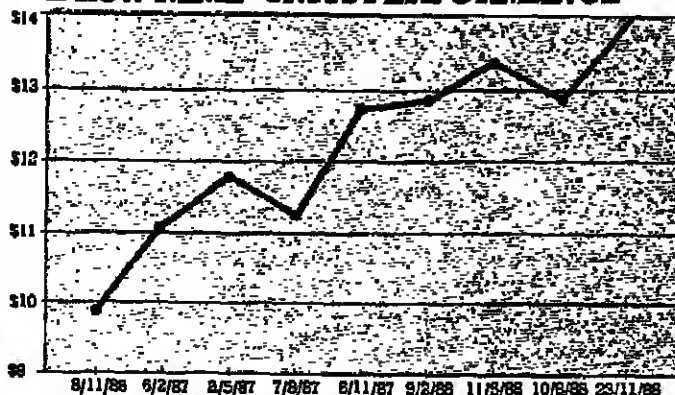
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Treasure trove of antiques

By Diane Diaz

AMONGST the rows of shops in the Saliya Commercial Complex, a small, unassuming glass storefront shows off some of the treasure held within.

Unlike the neighbouring retail businesses this establishment is selling relatively few items. The fifty or so small pieces of merchandise prominently displayed on shelves and on the wall have a total price tag of more than KD31,000. It may sound like a hefty sum, but for the antique collector it's a shopper's paradise.

The shop, Ghadir Gallery, the merchandise: antiques from around the world. From cow until the end of the year the items will be on display in an exhibit titled, "The Art of Antiques."

This ensemble of precious

ornamental vases, porcelains encrusted with gems, bronze, silver and gold relics, and a collection of 19th Century lithographs was put together by Thuraia Al Bakhsamy, the owner of Ghadir Gallery.

Al Bakhsamy spent 12 years gathering the items one piece at a time from the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Switzerland, England and a number of other countries.

"Antiques are investment for the future, just like jewellery or precious stones," she said, adding that they are worth looking at even if a person has no intention of buying. "It's the kind of thing you can only see in a museum," she said.

The exhibit is open 9 am to 12:30 pm and from 4 to 8 pm daily. It will continue at the Ghadir Gallery through December 31.



Thuraia Al Bakhsamy (left) seen with guests at the opening of the antiques exhibition.

British envoy to open Players garden fete

BRITISH Ambassador to Kuwait Peter Hinchcliffe will next week open the Kuwait Players garden fete at Messilah Beach Hotel amid seasonal music.

The open-air fair is one of the biggest social events for the Western expatriate community in Kuwait. The Players have been holding the event for the last six years, attracting thousands of people. Earlier, the garden fete was held at the British embassy grounds. Two years ago its venue was shifted to the Messilah Beach Hotel.

One of the attractions at this year's fete is a raffle for an Olympic Airways return ticket — Kuwait-London-Kuwait. It will be one of many events that will be held next Thursday (Dec 9) afternoon.

The envoy will open the fete at 12:00 noon, followed by a

selection of choral music by the members of the Ahmadi Music Group.

Santa Claus will welcome guests to the stalls, ranging from books to gifts. The stalls will be put in tents and caravans. "Bunny Rabbits" will sell "teddy bears" to kids and the "pirates" will "help" children on their treasure hunt.

Games include rolling the penny, tombolas, the bucking horse, make-up for children, win-a-teddy bear and ping pong.

Kuwait Players' social secretary Yvonne Whitehill said they have done all they could to make it a family fun day. "Let's just hope it doesn't rain," she added.

Entrance fee will be 500 fils for adults, and 250 fils for children over the age of six.



British envoy Peter Hinchcliffe

KLT presents annual pantomime

THE Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi, are doing their best to stage their annual pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

A spokeswoman said they are "hoping" to stage the musical in "early December."

The pantomime, directed by Maureen Wringe, features a cast of over 30 actors — both adults and children.

This has been a dull season for the English amateur groups in Kuwait. KLT, hit by a mishap at their theatre, postponed most of their shows. Kuwait Players, who don't have a permanent theatre, are yet to come up with a production this season.



Yesudas will be accompanied by his son Vijay Yesudas and Sujatha.

Yesudas to visit Kuwait again

A YESUDAS Nite will be held early next year, according to a press release issued by the co-ordinator's organising committee. It says Kerala's best-known singer Yesudas will visit Kuwait in January for a concert.

Yesudas, who has performed several times in Kuwait over the years, won the national title of Padmasree for his contribution to music. A versatile singer, he sings in Malayalam, Tamil and Hindi languages but is more popular for his rendition of Malayalam semi-classical numbers.



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Philippines Embassy. Candidates will be nominated on the same day. All Filipinos are requested to attend.

MUSIC

Filipino Song Festival

DEC 2: The Kapisanang Filipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at 4 pm. The venue will be announced later. All Filipinos are welcome.

Upasana

DEC 8: Upasana presents fifth musical show at IAC. Highlights include old hit songs from Malayalam, Hindi and Tamil films. For entry passes ring: 5638762, 5643643; 3729564; 3987249.

Eton College Choir

DEC 20: 8 pm. Kuwait Hilton Hotel. The Eton College Choir will be performing for the first time in Kuwait. For reservations contact the hotel ext. 8006/8007.

THEATRE

KLT

FOR details about KLT's annual pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk, contact 398-3724 before 5 pm; and 3904886 after 5 pm.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza

FILIPINO night held every Sunday from 7 to 9:30 pm.

Al Dalah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice cream festival: light snacks served from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant: Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturdays.

Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

At the Meridien

VERSAILLES: grilled seafood, meat or fish fondue featured, lunch and dinner.

Caramba: Mexican Night is held every Sunday at La Braserie. Buffet features traditional "south of the border" specialties including tacos, tortillas and refried beans, plus live mariachi music.

At the Holiday Inn

THURSDAY night is an Indian night featuring exotic cuisine; top Arabian singers serenade in the Al Andalus.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

At the SAS

AL BUSTAN Friday brunch: for families from 11:30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Voo Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zohrist. Appetizers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

At Messilah Beach

MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day. Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".

A "Healthy Eating" corner has been set up, to coincide with the Nutrition Week organised by the Ministry of Health.

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A member of the Soviet-Armenian Musical Troupe

Soviet-Armenians entertain at local hotel

TOP Soviet-Armenian musicians entertained a large audience at last night's classical and folkloric show held at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

The members of the Soviet-Armenian Musical Troupe who are on a world tour, include singers Narloeb Haroutian and Lucineh Zakarian, pianist and composer Aram Satian, violinist Harachya Horontian and poet Lala Manatsaganian. Edvard Mirzoyan led the troupe.

The troupe has performed in the US, France, UK, Italy, Syria, Lebanon and W. Germany. They will be performing in the UAE later this week.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT-THURS: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Arabian Gulf Museum

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Indian Art Show

UNTIL DEC. 15: Richness in Spirit is the title of an exhibition of Indian contemporary art. Figurative art by 30 painters is on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm.

Boushahri Gallery

PHOTO exhibition entitled "Seen from Afar" at Boushahri Gallery. Black and white portraits of people around the world and famous artists are shown by German photographer Heinz G. Mehusch. Open from 9 am to 12 noon; 5-8 pm.

Painting Exhibition

UNTIL NOV 30: Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar is showing a collection of modern art paintings at the Kuwait National Museum; open during museum hours.

Ghadir Gallery

UNTIL DEC 31: Paintings of Matthew Digby Wyatt (1820-1877) and antiques will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Saliya Complex. The show will be open from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 4-8:30 pm.

CINEMA

British Council

NOV 30 (6 pm): Dec 1 (10:30 am): A feature film for children, The Red Deer, will be shown at the British Council.

Mansouriya

DEC 3/4: This month's feature film "The Third Man", winner of the Grand Prix (Best Feature Film) International Film Festival, stylish thriller set in Vienna, with a typically seedy post-war plot. All the performances are good, with Trevor Howard and Orson Welles in the best roles.

Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512/2533204.

LECTURE

British Council

NOV 29: A talk on education in Scotland will be given on undergraduate and postgraduate study during a promotion of Scottish universities and polytechnics at the British Council; 2 Al Arabi St., Mansouriya. Open from 9 am to 12:30 pm. 5-8 pm.

SOCIAL

Canadian Women's League

DEC 3: The Canadian Women's League holds its regular monthly meeting from 4:15 to 6:15 pm. For details call 3718678.

Daniella

ALL Danes are invited to the annual children's party on Dec 16, 3 pm, at the Gazelle Club. For reservations phone Marianne — 3710214 ext. 29; Lizzy — 3710478 before Dec 5.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

DEC 1, 3 pm, Dec 2, 5 pm: The annual Christmas bazaar will be held on Thursday and Friday at the Hilton Hotel, Old Failaka Room. Everyone is welcome.

Sixties Night

DEC 8: Sixties night dinner-dance party will be held, organised by the Souads Great group. Disco and live music — all of the sixties era. The Jukebox Band will be in attendance. Prize for best-dressed couple, best-dressed male and best-dressed female in sixties "gear". For details ring Ken Winston — 5740256/7; or Linda Elliott — 5383149.

Kapilku-Flasak Elections

DEC 9: General meeting and election of 1989 Kapilku-Flasak officers will be held at 1 pm.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dahdnob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Qulooh Al Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismael, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marae.
10.45 Good Morning Zawal Bil Computer: local Arabic serial, starring Hayat Fahad, Ghanem Al Saleh, Ali Al Mufceedi, Hind Kamel.
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Variety Show
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown



Dinosaurs, tonight's cartoon serial for young viewers on KTV 2.

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Bambo: cartoons
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
5.30 Nahnu Wa Asdaig: We and Our Friends.
6.00 Islam Wal Insan: historical serial. Starring: Omar Hariri, Zabrati Al Ula, Anwar Ismael, Hala Fakher.
7.00 News Summary
7.20 Music
7.45 In Public Service
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Makaan Fi Al Qalb: Arabic serial, starring Iliham Shahin, Mustafa Fahmi, Amina Rizk, Hassan Mustafa.
10.45 Qadaya Masriya: Focus on Theatre.

Presented by Huda Al Mohtada.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial
6.30 Professor Poopsnagle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "Ships of Trade." A look at man's rich trading past.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Home and Away." Jack is hired to trans-

port gold hut the trip turns out to be a nightmare.

9.30 Easy Street: "Soaring." Starring: Loni Anderson. Love is in the air but...

10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: A look at the predictions made by Nostradamus 400 years ago.

10.30 Joe Wilsoo: Joe moves to the countryside with his wife, Mary.

11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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0805 Celluloid Rock (ex. 29th Ack-er's Away)
0900 World News
0905 British Press Review
0910 The World Today
0915 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
0920 45 CPE Bach
1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
1005 30 Sports International
1100 World News
1105 News about Britain
1110 15 Waveguide
1115 25 Book Choice
1120 Citizens
1200 Newsweek
1205 Multitrack 1: Top 20

1600 Easy Listening

1700 Italian Hour
1800 Pops
2130 News
2145 Pops
2200 Italian Classical Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

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0800 Opening
0805 Songs and Music
0810 Thoughts in Islam
0830 News
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Songs and Music
0930 They Sold a Million
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Country Collection
1100 Closedown
2100 Opening announcement
2102 In the Latin Mood
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2200 Mohammed: The Light of Islam
2215 In the Groove
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Hit Special
2330 Jazz in Action

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Baitern Qual
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Radio Club
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Jahan Numa
2100 Closedown

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
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Starring: Nadia Al Jundi, Kamal Shinnawi
Al Sahiya
Kuwait National Theatre Performance
Al Hamra
New Delhi (Malayalam)
Starring: Mammootty, Sumalatha, Urvashi, Suresh Gopi
Al Firdous
Kabzaa (Hindi)
Starring: Sanjay Dutt, Amrita Singh, Raj Babbar, Dimple Kapadia
Al Fahad
Action Jackson
Fahad Open-Air
Prem Rog (Hindi)
Starring: Padmini Kohapure, Rishi Kapoor
Al Jahra
Pardesi (Bengali)
Granada
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Denial of visa to Arafat

New rift between US and UN opens

By Anthony Goodman

UNITED NATIONS, (Reuters): The denial of a visa to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to address the United Nations opens up a new rift between the UN and the United States just as old wounds were beginning to heal.

It could plunge the uneasy relationship between the United Nations and the United States into new troubles at a time when the world body prepares to shoulder new peacekeeping responsibilities and a new administration under George Bush prepares to take office in Washington.

The United States based its refusal of a visa to Arafat on the grounds that he condoned and supported acts of terrorism against Americans and others.

Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar yesterday criticised Washington's action.

Mobilise

But the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is expected to mobilise overwhelming support in the assembly for condemnation of the United States for what many delegates see as a breach of the agreement under which UN headquarters was established in New York in 1947.

PLO officials also say they want the assembly to hold a resumed session elsewhere, probably in Geneva early in the New Year, to enable Arafat to speak a debate, on Palestine, due to open in New York on Dec 1.

The United Nations seems poised to launch a new peacekeeping operation in Namibia and Western Sahara and is relying on Washington to pay its share as well as begin stumping up hundreds of millions of dollars in back dues.

Relations between the United States and the United Nations were soured during the early part of this year when Washington tried to close down the PLO's New York office, invoking a 1987 US anti-terrorism law.

The General Assembly, sum-

moned back into session, adopted a slate of resolutions by huge majorities decrying the US move as violating the headquarters agreement which aimed at assuring access for accredited diplomats and invited guests.

The United States argues that the agreement does not deny it the right to bar entry on security grounds.

The row appeared to settle after a US court ruled that the PLO office, opened in 1974 after Arafat addressed the assembly, could continue to function.

UN prestige has risen sharply due to a string of successes that began with an agreement in Geneva in April providing for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and a halt to external interference in Afghanist-
an affairs.

Ceasefire

Perez de Cuellar negotiated a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and cajoled the two sides into face-to-face talks for a final peace.

There has also been progress towards solution of long-standing disputes concerning Western Sahara, Namibia, Cyprus and Kampuchea.

By the time current assembly session opened in September, euphoric diplomats were talking of "peace breaking out" around the globe.

The announcement last month that the UN peacekeeping forces had won the 1988 Nobel prize for peace seemed to cap the world body's run of good fortune.

The United States, with arrears in its contributions to the UN budget of more than \$300 million and owing millions more for peacekeeping operations, announced it would begin to repay some of its debts.

The cash-strapped United Nations is relying on this to meet day-to-day running costs and help pay for major peacekeeping operations expected to be launched soon to monitor political settlements in Namibia and Western Sahara that will cost at least \$1 billion.

Uneasy neighbours for centuries

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON, (Reuters): Caught in the crunch of big-power politics at the frontiers of Europe and Asia, Christian Armenians and Muslim Azerbaijanis have for generations vented their frustrations on each other.

Uneasy neighbours in the Caucasus Mountains, straddling the borders of Russia, Turkey and Iran, neither nation has had a durable independent state in its own modern times.

Instead, since the Tsars moved into the Caucasus in the early 19th century, both peoples have seen their ancestral lands divided between two powers — Armenia between Russia and Turkey, and Azerbaijan between Russia and Iran.

It was the Romanov dynasty's expansionist policy that stitched together the country now called the Soviet Union. The Tsars annexed Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia in the late 18th century, then Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan, and finally a vast swathe of Central Asia in the mid-19th century.

Clashes

The Romanovs were swept away over 70 years ago, but with the latest clashes in the Caucasus and autonomist moves in the Baltic states the ethnic problems they left behind have come back to haunt the Soviet Union's present rulers.

Greater freedoms introduced by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev have lifted the lid on long pent-up emotions among the "family of nations," as Soviet publicists call the more than 100 nationalities inhabiting the 15 Soviet republics.

Friction between Armenians and Azerbaijanis is rooted deep in their region's turbulent past.

Repeated invasions scattered the two peoples through the mountainous area, often leaving them living side-by-side as frontiers were arbitrarily changed by the great powers.

The Armenians, whose recorded history goes back at least 2,500 years, have been Christians since St Gregory the Illuminator converted their ruler Tiridates III about 300 AD. Theirs has sometimes been called the oldest

Christian nation in the world.

The Azerbaijanis, inhabiting an area further east and speaking a language akin to Turkish, were converted to Islam by Arab conquerors in the 7th century.

In the days of Julius Caesar, Greater Armenia was the power to be reckoned with, but the country lost its independence at the end of the 14th century.

In 1915 the Ottoman Turkish government, believing the Armenians were collaborating with its enemy Russia in World War I, ordered them deported from eastern Turkey.

Hundreds of thousands died in what the Armenians still charge was attempted genocide. Turkey denies there was any deliberate massacre.

There had been bloodshed, too, on the Russian side of the border. A war between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in 1818-20 is thought to have killed one-fifth of the population of Karabagh (now Nagorno-Karabakh), an Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan. There were further bloody clashes between the two peoples in 1905 in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, and they fought again over Karabagh in 1918.

Independence

Russia's exit from World War I in 1918 brought brief periods of independence for both Armenia and Azerbaijan. But by 1920 communist forces had declared Soviet republics in both regions.

The Armenians have generally been well-disposed towards Moscow, seeing the Soviet republic of Armenia as the nearest thing they are likely to get to an independent state, and also as a bulwark against the hated Turks.

But there has been lingering resentment over decisions on enclaves taken in the early 1920s. Nakhichevan, a largely Azerbaijani district sandwiched between Armenia and Iran, was awarded to Azerbaijan. But Karabagh, a 75 per cent Armenian area surrounded by Azerbaijan, was also put under Azerbaijani control.

Moscow's refusal to change the status of Nagorno-Karabakh has been at the centre of this year's troubles in the Caucasus.

Ending the Iraq-Iran war

Eliasson dealing with a stubborn issue

By Ted Morello

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.: United Nations Ambassador Jan Eliasson of Sweden is the troubleshooter charged with turning the uneasy truce between Iraq and Iran into a permanent political settlement.

Just eight years ago, when the late Olaf Palme was handed the Gulf war challenge by then Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, the Swedish statesman picked Eliasson as his right-hand man.

Since then, the ambassador said in an interview, "I have been involved more or less without interruption" in dealing with the stubborn issue.

So he was a natural choice as Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's personal representative on the Gulf conflict after the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq went into effect on Aug 20.

Both men went to Geneva for the latest round of talks between

Iran and Iraq that began recently. Perez de Cuellar returned to New York, leaving Eliasson in charge.

It's likely that from now on, the Swedish ambassador will conduct most of all of the shuttle diplomacy between New York, Geneva, Tehran, and Baghdad.

The scenery will be familiar to him. Between November 1980 and June 1982, he and Palme engaged in "very intensive" consultations during half a dozen missions to Tehran and as many to Baghdad, he recalled.

Settlement

Eliasson said the two negotiators tried to hammer out a comprehensive settlement at the beginning of the Iran-Iraq war in September 1980 "because we knew that in time, it would be more and more difficult. That turned out to be true."

As an interim measure, they tried to reach piecemeal agreements, such as reducing the level of fighting and freeing 72

ships bottled up in the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which flows into the Gulf. Though unsuccessful with the ships, they succeeded in working out an arrangement in June 1984 that neither belligerent would attack civilian populations in border areas. The arrangement broke down in March 1985.

"But we had nine months of calm on the border area, which saved thousands of lives," Eliasson said.

Difficulty

Even after Palme became prime minister in the fall of 1982, he retained his position as special representative on the Gulf war although he didn't visit the area again between then and February 1986, when he was shot to death on a Stockholm street.

During those years, most of the work was done in Stockholm by Eliasson and in New York by the Secretary-General and Undersecretary-General Diego Cordovez (later to negotiate the

Geneva accords on Afghanistan).

Recalling the difficulty of trying to negotiate in the middle of a shooting war, the ambassador said he was "tremendously gratified to see that now the ceasefire is holding." He suggested that the truce makes negotiations less difficult.

"In my view," he said, "one of the reasons why we find ourselves discussing the implementation of a (UN Security Council peace) resolution under the conditions of no active warfare is that there has been close coordination between the Security Council and the Secretary-General."

Eliasson, who presented credentials as Sweden's UN permanent representative only in March, joined the Foreign Service in 1965. Eliasson has been posted to missions in Bonn, Washington, and Paris. He has also held senior posts in the foreign ministry with responsibility for Asian and African

affairs. During Palme's administration, he was foreign policy adviser to the prime minister.

Eliasson's political indoctrination began early, when he was preparing for graduation from a Decatur, Indiana, high school as an American Field Service exchange student. The father of his first family, he recalled, was county Democratic chairman.

"Through him," he said, "I met a number of personalities whom I later in life had reason to follow more closely: Estes Kefauver... promising state senators like Birch Bayh... a young, promising senator from Massachusetts named John F. Kennedy. They used to come to the house. I was 17 or 18 then."

Display

The ambassador proudly displays on his desk a colour photo of his three children ("typical Swedish blonds"): Anna, 19, a Hunter College student; Emilie, 17, who attends the UN international school, and Johan, 9, a fourth grader, who "didn't know

a word of English when he came here" last spring.

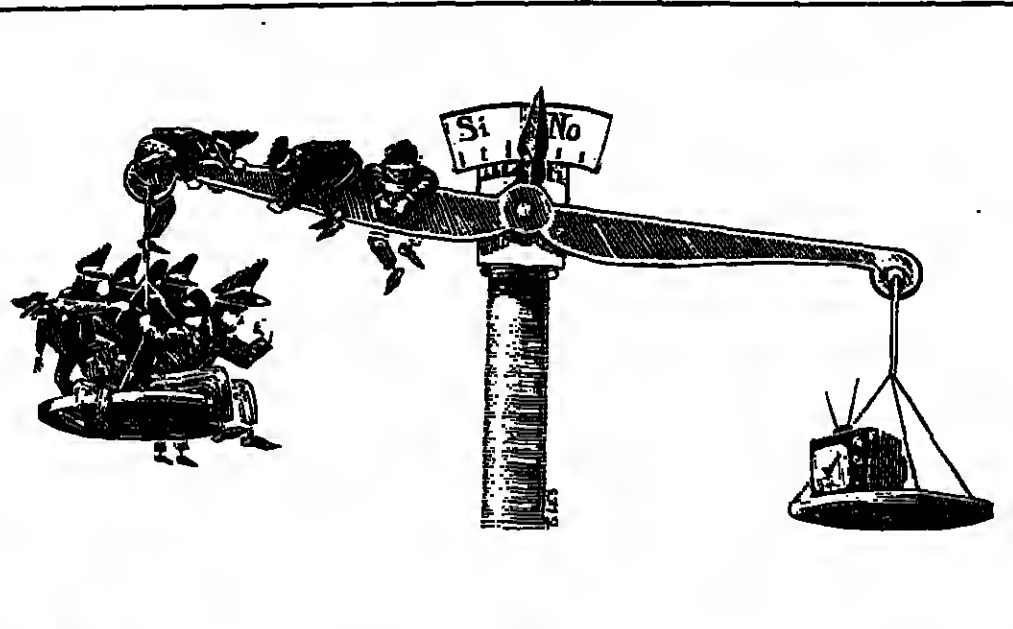
Eliasson admits nostalgia for his less demanding days as a first secretary in Sweden's Washington embassy during the Vietnam War, when for recreation he used to backpack along the Shenandoah Valley's Appalachian Trail.

Or with map and compass, he would strike off into the wilderness "without seeing a human being for two or three days." As time permits these days, he plays tennis and reads American, Spanish, and Swedish novels.

"But with this type of work and a family," he said, "there isn't much time."

Asked how long it would be before the Iran-Iraq conflict is resolved and he can return to a normal ambassadorial life, Eliasson recalled a trip to Iran: "There was a sign in a Tehran hotel that Olaf Palme and I saw once: 'Patience is the greatest bravery.' We often quoted that."

The Christian Science Monitor.



By David Marash

WASHINGTON: The recent plebiscite in Chile not only revealed the strength of that country's tradition of democracy, but it also showed the strength of television.

The election of 1988 came 10 years after the government headed by Gen. Augusto Pinochet embarked on a campaign to put a television in every Chilean home. The success of that campaign — by most estimates between three-fourths and four-fifths of all households now have a TV — was cited by the government in its television advertising as a good reason to vote "Si" on Oct 5. It was heralded by the regime along with improvements in public education and in the availability of drinking water.

Chile's military rulers were sure that television would be their instrument for redefining the nation, its politics and its people. Ironically, television became, instead, the instrument of their downfall.

Chile's leaders decided to make television a prime beneficiary of the economic boom of the late 1970s. They subsidized TVs to encourage imports of TVs and eased credit to facilitate the purchase of sets. And they assumed that strong government influence over programming would shape public opinion.

Power Even the diversity of news coverage — in print, on radio, and on TV — became a symbol of centralized government power. But daily, often hourly, comparisons of television's less complete and less candid reporting with what was available in newspapers and on the radio created a credibility gap for TV news.

This was measured in a poll. Forty per cent of Chileans called radio the most believable medium, 27 per cent said newspapers and magazines, and only 14 per cent cited TV news. These results contrasted to other poll findings. When asked, "What is your primary source for news and information?" two-thirds of the respondents cited TV.

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Television gains strength in Chile

What did these results mean? During a recent visit to Chile with a delegation from the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, I asked Roberto Polzin, editor-in-chief of the influential pro-Pinochet newspaper *El Mercurio*, and moderator of a popular TV discussion show, "People don't believe the information they get from television," Pulido told me. "But they act on the information they have, most of which they get from television."

Banned

The government's sense of being in the media driver's seat was exemplified in Pulido's TV show. The answers on "Cara al Pais" ("Face the Nation") came from politicians representing all viewpoints but the far left (who have been constitutionally banned from coverage by the news media). Questions, however, came only from journalists of the pro-government right.

The show permitted, and even created, controversy, but control was given only those considered safe and loyal by the regime.

That Chileans would "act," as Pulido put it, on televised information, even while granting it no "credibility," became the government's prevailing political assumption — a verifying and supporting mechanism of government power. Viewers may "know better" than to believe in "television's lies," but they have few other sources of information about outside reality. The result is a sense of helplessness and, eventually, passivity in the face of government power, which they may feel to be illegitimate. And so it seemed as long as all programming on TV was under government control.

But for the month before the Oct 5 vote there was, at the insistence of the Chilean Supreme

Court over the objections of the Pinochet administration, a breach in that absolute control. For 27 days, until Oct 2, the last 30 minutes of Chilean prime-time during weekdays, and the whole time on the weekends, featured competitive programming equally divided between backers of the "Si" and "No" — between those who would have kept General Pinochet for another eight years and those who were delighted to end his presidency in December 1989.

The success of the "No's" nightly 15 minutes came as a nasty shock to Pinochet's political strategists.

Not only did the opposition succeed in bringing to public debate such forbidden topics as the Pinochet regime's use of exile and torture against its critics, it gave Pinochet's opponents a new sense of security and credibility.

Powerful moments, like the tale of torture by an elderly woman, later revealed to be the mother of one of the most popular soccer superstars, or the testimony of one of the government's hired killers of former Foreign Minister Orlando Letelier, had their own impact. But undoubtedly the greatest impact superseded the particulars of any broadcast.

Free speech (in limited free speech, since at least one broadcast of the No campaign was pulled after government censors refused to let a respected judge testify how he was confronted by testimony from torture victims) existed on Chile's most dominant mode of communication. Notwithstanding the government's warnings, chaos did not come.

Disaffected Many wavering voters were disaffected with 15 years of centralized power under Pinochet, but uncertain of the competence of the opposition and the safety of a "No" vote. Nightly evidence that opponents of Pinochet could "do" TV as well as his supporters could, and could do it without advocating violence or political irresponsibility, reassured these people and sustained a vote for political change.

The government "twisted the rules," in the words of the man who supervised the plebiscite, by allowing itself an extra helping of pro-government TV advertising. It also continued rigid control over the content of news broadcasts during the campaign period. But the crack of video light allowed through a previously total blackout of opposition points of view was enough.

By letting the opposition, relatively unfettered, into the world of television, the regime granted it credibility in the world of electoral politics. In democracy-starved, TV-saturated Chile, that was enough.

The Christian Science Monitor.

By Simon Haydon

PARIS, (Reuters): French President Francois Mitterrand, re-elected in May for a second seven-year term, is facing growing criticism that he has adopted a regal style and is ignoring the day-to-day problems of ordinary people.

Once nicknamed "Uncle" by an affectionate population, the 68-year-old Mitterrand is now seen as a distant figure, a "King Francois" have now taken root as critics say Mitterrand has lost touch with his country.

"This is the regime of a monarch whose sole concern is looking after himself," said author Thierry Pfister, former speech writer for the Socialist government appointed when Mitterrand took power in 1981.

Mitterrand's style appears to have hit his popularity, according to recent opinion polls. The latest, published on Thursday in Paris March magazine, showed Mitterrand's popularity dropping four points, from 60 per cent to 56 per cent, in the past month.

Opposed

The conservative magazine *Le Point*, traditionally opposed to Mitterrand, had a 10-page cover story headlined "Mitterrand — The King and his Court," in its latest issue, saying the president was building a royal court around himself.

Even traditional allies on the left have started commenting on the 72-year-old president's apparent obsession with protocol and intellectual matters, saying he appears to have no major projects.

Claude Sarraute, author of a

'King Francois' loses touch with his country

daily sketch in the leftist *Le Monde*, compared Mitterrand's position with a recent battle between pretenders to the now-defunct French throne.

"This legal battle about Louis XVI's throne is all a bit out of date. We all know the throne is occupied by our beloved King Mimi Ist." Mitterrand's name is often abbreviated jokingly to Mimi.

Two books highly critical of Mitterrand have been published in recent weeks, one by Pfister and another by radio journalist Philippe Alexandre.

Alexandre wrote of the French presidential campaign: "There's a time for everything: these days governing a country is too important for it to be given to an old man."

Wandering

Le Point magazine called Mitterrand a "superelector" president, wandering around France in an official helicopter to visit old friends and to taste the latest culinary delicacies.

"There's an question of missing the blackberry season in Normandy, the mushrooms in the Creuse Valley, or an escape to Venice..." the president seized the smallest pretext to hop around France or Europe," the magazine said.

Mitterrand, apparently stung by the personal attacks, retorts in an interview in *L'Express* magazine published on Friday.

Accused of having no major plans, he told the weekly: "Building Europe, serving the cause of peace, helping the Third World, are these unimportant plans?"

Mitterrand's advisers agree the president is taking a back seat on domestic affairs, but say this is normal now that a Socialist government has been appointed.

From 1986 to 1988 Mitterrand ruled in an often bitter tandem with the conservative government of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, but Chirac was turned out of office in June and replaced by socialist Michel Rocard.

Mitterrand has concentrated on foreign policy in his second term, encouraging regular summit meetings outside Paris with other European Economic Community leaders and leaving Rocard to handle an awkward autumn of industrial discontent.

He was in the southern town of Montpellier on Thursday for a weekend visit to the Soviet Union for talks with Mikhail Gorbachev. He also plans to visit several Eastern European nations in the next two months.

The sight of striking public sector workers parading in the streets of Paris while the president travels the world has fanned the criticism.

But Mitterrand dismisses reports he may retire before his mandate expires in 1995. "Excluding accidents, I should be here for another six and a half years," he told *L'Express*.

Bleak prospects for peace in Sri Lanka

provide some autonomy to the 3 million Hindu Tamils. They are in the majority in the area.

The government of the nation of 16 million people is dominated by the Buddhist Sinhalese majority.

The government expected that the offer of some autonomy would take the stream out of a five-year-old war in which more than 5,000 people have been killed.

The plan was accepted by four of the main Tamil rebel groups. But it was spurned by the Tamil Tigers, who refused to disarm despite the deployment of Indian troops.

India, therefore, decided to pursue a dual-track strategy. One track was to try to battle the Tiger into submission. The second was to push the Tiger's main rival, the Eelam Peoples Revolutionary Liberation Front, into contesting the elections by allegedly giving it cash and arms.

But the policy has been unable to restore peace.

The Tigers, flushed by their success in resisting the world's fourth largest military, have gained admiration and new recruits. Meanwhile, members of the Front have earned disdain as "Indian proxies."

It was only by deploying massive numbers of troops in protect polling stations against Tamil Tiger attacks that India was able to ensure that last weekend's elections went ahead.

The Front was the only Tamil party that ran, and it took more than two-thirds of the 71 council seats.

Mandate

But the outcome hardly constitutes a popular mandate for rule: 36 of the Front's seats were uncontested.

"Nobody is taking it seriously and it is not going to bring any results," Human rights activist Javier Sarmata said.

Indian officials have made it clear they now are anxious to end their country's longest foreign entanglement, but they face hard choices in getting out.

Yugoslavia moves to calm ethnic tensions

Saturday in Belgrade, the culmination of months of protests.

Serbia said on Wednesday the Kosovo protests had been planned by Albanian separatists and federal and provincial authorities had lost control.

"Serbia's condemnation is sure to irritate the other regions," a Yugoslav analyst said. "Serbia's stepping up pressure on Kosovo and may further strain ethnic relations."

In a move to ease tensions with another major ethnic group, four Slovenes convicted of betraying Army secrets had their jail terms postponed. Slovene radicals had predicted the four would be pardoned.

Their closed trial in June triggered mass protests in Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most Westernised republic, and brought the liberal Slovene leadership into open

conflict with the Army. Slovene radicals staged a rally on Monday against the constitutional changes, which they fear would threaten Slovenia's regional rights.

Yugoslavia's six republics and two autonomous provinces enjoy considerable autonomy and traditionally resist attempts to limit their self-rule.

The communist federation is suffering its worst economic and ethnic turmoil since World War II and analysts predicted more tension under constitutional changes aimed at curbing regional power and paving the way for economic reform.

"There may be a calm period until parliament starts to legislate the amendments in January," a Yugoslav analyst said. "Trouble may start again with their implementation."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1580 — Sir Francis Drake returns to England from circumnavigating the globe.

1798 — Ferdinand IV of Naples declares war on France and enters Rome.

1880 — First Japanese Diet convenes.

1916 — Hussein is proclaimed king.

1918 — Nicholas, King of Montenegro, is deposed, and the kingdom is united with Serbia.

1922 — Archaeologists announce they have found fabulous treasures in tomb of Tutankhamen in Egypt.

1929 — US Navy Lieutenant Richard E. Byrd radios that he has made first airplane flight over South Pole.

1945 — Monarchy is abolished in Yugoslavia with King Peter II deprived of all vested rights.

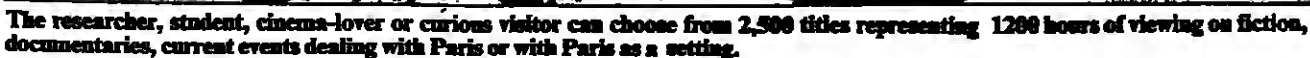
1947 — United Nations announces plan for partition of Palestine, with Jerusalem under United Nations control.

1964 — Several hundred thousand people demonstrate in Peking against US involvement in the Congo, calling it aggression.

1973 — More than 100 people perish in department store fire in Kumamoto, Japan.

1987 — Widespread violence forces officials to call off Haiti's first free elections in 30 years.

Sept 11, 1988



By Camille Herisson

In the early '80s, he placed the 4,000 sq. metres of space required for the project at the disposal of its instigators. He then allowed them 20 million francs for the necessary tech-

Set Menu: The visitor takes a seat in one of the public projection rooms, where a new programme is offered every day: "Paris Suburbs", "Paris

Another example is that of a cinema-lover with a free afternoon who wants to know what the Videotheque has on Montmartre. He questions the data:

to-order the films he wants to see, via his Minitel terminal, and they will appear on his television screen.

Jules Verne and H.G.Wells could not have imagined better.

By Jacques Bandeneau

The teeth are still drilled with

The tooth still needs to be filled to regain its function of chewing and its aesthetic appearance.



the companies of Pluripro, the division of Sanofi devoted to health techniques and technologies, which is itself a leader in the pharmacy, cosmetology and bio-industry sector of the Elf-Aquitaine group.

By Peter Coy

"I'm not sure there's a willingness to pay the check to do all the things that would have to be done to really close down all the loopholes," said Steven Ross, senior manager for information protection services at the accounting and consulting firm of Deloitte Haskins and Sells.

Jon David, a computer security consultant in Tappan, New York, said businesses that had contacted him for help seemed to underestimate the challenge.

"The amazing thing is, the attitude I'm getting is, 'why don't you stop by for a day or two and tell us how to protect ourselves from viruses,'" he

"Management has finally become aware of what can happen to them," said Thomas Prugh, executive vice-president for science and technology at Information Security International Inc. in Silver Spring, Maryland.

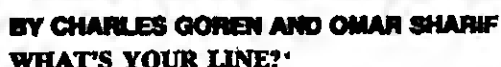
Prugh said computer security had probably been on a steady downtrend since the

But Prugh, and others, said there is a long way to go. "This was all very predictable well in advance. The problem stems not from fantastic genius but from fantastic stupidity," said Ross.

He said he expected companies to take note of the security threats. But he said there were also signs of emerging complacency in some quarters.

"The reaction already is that this is an isolated instance, this is a boy genius, you can't prevent this, and besides, no harm was done," Ross said.

GOREN BRIDGE



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This is where you require some knowledge of the mathematical probabilities. The chances of felling a lady are almost twice as likely as a 4-1 split without the queen or ten falling on the first round, so cash a ace-king—and go down with the best of 'em!

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will tend to be rather too impatient. Make sure you do not neglect your domestic chores. You will be better able to adapt yourself to a new situation. Be tolerant

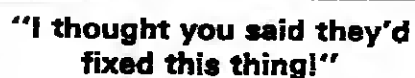
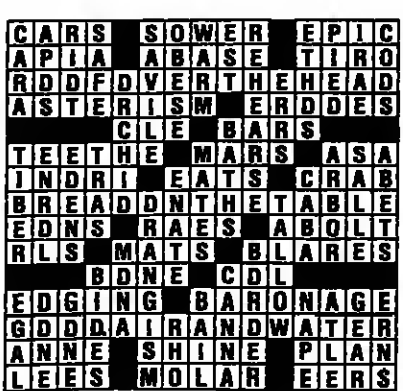


Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You should do your best to overcome a certain amount of nervousity. Make sure you do not overtire yourself. Listen more carefully to what others are saying

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
The better influence of Venus and Neptune will help you to triumph over a certain personal adversity. You should make sure you do not get bogged down in detail. Do no more than

**ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE.**



CONSERVATION

Startling message for animal lovers

Wildlife may be too much of a good thing

By Alan Hamilton

THERE is a new and rather startling message from those good people who saved the Bengal tiger and the black rhino, and taught us to love the cuddly panda.

As messages go, it will take some swallowing by the seal-protection, bunny-hugging animal lovers of the world. It is simply this: if you want to save a species then it is perfectly all right, sometimes even necessary to hunt it, shoot it, eat it, wear it and hang its horns on the living-room wall.

Needless to say, the species in most need of saving is man. The World Wildlife Fund, which has renamed itself the World Wildlife Fund for Nature in forced recognition of the fact that it is pointless to try and save God's creatures unless you save their environment, is engaged in a project in Africa aimed at giving man the farmer a nudge back down the evolutionary ladder towards man the hunter.

Crisis

Man's crisis is greatest in Africa, already decimated by famine. Twenty-five years ago the continent was self-sufficient in food; today 100 million Africans — one mouth in five — are kept alive on grain from abroad.

In 15 years the percentage of Africans living in poverty has risen from 82 to 91. And the continent has the biggest population growth of any major region in the history of the world.

This is against a background of declining food supply as more of the continent slips into the vicious circle of land exhaustion through overuse. Tree cover is being stripped; the average African consumes a ton of wood a year for building and cooking, and for every 29 trees cut down only one is planted. And there are too many cattle overgrazing the land. The result is that in sub-Saharan Africa, an area the size of the United States is under immediate threat of deterioration into desert.

Cattle eat only grass and on in fertile marginal land they

If you want to save a species then it is perfectly all right sometimes even necessary to hunt it, shoot it, eat it, wear it and hang its horns on the wall, for the species in most need of saving is man.



There are an estimated 50,000 elephants in Zimbabwe, but game managers would like their numbers reduced to 34,000.

destroy it. They need large amounts of water and are prone to disease. It has long been believed that land and people would be much better sustained if they relied instead on their abundant indigenous wildlife. There is an awful lot of protein on the hoof out there, but precious little information on how best to handle it.

In a five-year, £1.7 million project in Zimbabwe, the Worldwide Fund for Nature is trying to establish a few facts. How many of each species will the land sustain and how many can be offered up to the white hunters each year without endangering the population? How much will managed wildlife bring, in both food and

hard cash, to the palms of people who live in the shadow of starvation.

What the fund already accepts is that wildlife cannot live on charity forever. The former orthodoxy of fencing off large areas as national parks (which in Zimbabwe account for 13 per cent of the total land area) to preserve wild animals while keeping out grazing cattle and farmers, is beginning to look like too much of a luxury in a continent hungry for land and food.

The fund is much encouraged by the experience of Peter Seymour-Smith, a farmer of the old white colonial school who runs the Iwaba wildlife ranch in the high midlands of Zimbabwe. 25,000 acres surrounded by 40 miles of electric fence powdered by solar panels. He bought it in 1960 as a tobacco farm and turned it over to 2,500 head of cattle. But he soon saw how the cattle were turning the land to arid dust.

Thirteen years ago he sold his last cow and has restocked the land with impala, wildebeest, zebra, warthog and, most recently, six elephants. He also keeps 26 black and white rhino, tranquilized and transported from their former home near the Zambian border, where they were at particular risk from poachers.

Spaniards, West Germans, Italians and Americans pay handsomely for safaris on Iwaba to take 70 animals a year from the total stock of 4,000. After the meat and skins have been sold, Seymour-Smith calculates that one kilogramme of wildlife produces three times the value of one kilogramme of cattle.

Myth

It is a myth that all species are endangered. Zimbabwe's elephant population, at 50,000 and growing, is thought to be too big and the game managers would like it reduced to 34,000 to prevent it eating itself out of house and home. Throughout Africa, however, elephants are being reduced by ivory poachers at 20 per cent a year. Not so other species: wildebeest and most of the commoner antelopes, left to themselves, will increase by 20 per cent a year, and the leopard is a particularly vigorous species with an African population of 750,000.

Commercial farmers are one thing, the local population living on marginal land teetering on the edge of uselessness is another. Cattle are almost the only visible source of personal wealth.

Norman Reynolds, former chief economist to the Zimbabwe government, voiced strong reservations about this year's scheme, largely funded by the EEC — which takes £8,000 tons of the country's beef each year — to eradicate tsetse fly from a large area of northern Zimbabwe.

His disquiet is not just because of the white trails of deadly DDT powder which still litter the countryside. Now that the area is clean of the pest which decimates cattle herds, there is great pressure from the local people to reintroduce cattle on to land already starved of vegetation.

It was not thought through," Reynolds said. "Bringing in cattle could be the end prove disastrous to the region. The EEC only listened to the vets and not many people call out a vet to an impala, do they?"

Income

Chief Nebiri, headman to 18,000 people in the dry Omay region in the hills above Lake Kariba, stirred himself from his afternoon slumber on the dusty earth, where scrawny chickens and skeletal dogs pecked in vain for morsels, to deliver mixed feelings about wildlife in general and elephants in particular.

Yes, income from wildlife had already brought benefits, helping to build schools and clinics offering basic medical aid. But what he wanted was fences around his people's crops to keep the elephants out. If he could have fences, he would be all in favour of wildlife rather than the cattle he could now keep in his tsetse-



A new-born baby rhinoceros with his mother. Preserving wild animals while keeping out grazing cattle and farmers is beginning to look like too much of a luxury in Africa.

free region.

Preliminary studies by the Worldwide Fund for Nature offer hope; it reckons that one particular community of 60 families in the Omay region, which earns the equivalent of £175 per household a year from growing cotton and needs food aid, could increase that income to £500 by sensibly exploiting

its wildlife, and thereby become self-sufficient.

Dr David Cumming, the fund's project director in Zimbabwe, believes that too much of the development thrust in Africa has been towards more intensive agriculture, often on poor soils which cannot sustain it. "The moment you break the surface of the soil, you begin to

close your options. Developing the wildlife resource in a controlled way means you keep all your options open until you find something better."

Chief Nebiri is proud of his clinics and his schools, and would be partial to warthog for supper. But he knows you cannot hit an impala with a plough, far less milk a wildebeest.

Killing to save rare animals

By Charles Clover

FIVE HUNDRED threatened wild animals will be slaughtered for food next month to a pioneering "wildlife utilisation" project which conservationists hope will be imitated throughout Africa.

Conservationists hope the controversial cull of lechwe on the Kafue Flats in Zambia will turn the desperately poor local tribes people against poachers by giving them a financial interest in conservation.

The 40,000 remaining Kafue lechwe, an antelope-like animal unique to the Flats, are threatened by poaching so widespread it has nearly emptied Zambian national parks of game.

The Flats, which include the Lochinvar National Park, are an area of swamps and flood-plain grassland which make up one of the most important wetlands in Africa.

They are still astonishingly rich in birdlife, but animal populations are sinking fast; the number of lechwe has declined from 100,000 in 1976. Buffalo, wildebeest and eland are scarcer still.

The poachers both live locally and come in from the

cities, where lechwe venison fetches higher prices than beef.

International controversy still surrounds the wildlife utilisation concept, which the World Wide Fund for Nature is trying to promote also in Zimbabwe.

Many conservationists, particularly in East Africa, remain wedded to the philosophy of total preservation by law.

However, after devastating poaching, even in Kenya's heavily guarded wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife utilisation is beginning to look like a more realistic option.

Dr Harry Chabwela, who is project officer for the WWF as well as being a senior Zambian civil servant, believes the lechwe are prolific enough to multiply rapidly under secure conditions, providing an annual surplus of 5,000 animals for slaughter.

The animals will be herded alive to an abattoir and the meat will be sold to surrounding communities. Part of the return will be taken by the state, which retains a bureaucratic grip on all enterprise in the country.

Local people have traditionally resented government interference in the way they killed

wildlife to live. Their huge culls, or chilas, of lechwe were banned in the 1970s.

However, local chiefs are enthusiastic about the new project, though Dr Chabwela said: "People were very sceptical initially because most projects are run by the government."

"When we said they would be running this one themselves, they thought at first that it was a trick."

The project is intended to result in a self-sufficient scheme for managing wildlife and fish stocks run by local experts by 1992.

Already, trophy fees from safari hunters, who shoot 200 lechwe a year, are being returned to the local people to build schools and clinics.

An airstrip has also been built, with £100,000 from the British Overseas Development Administration and £75,000 from the WWF.

However, the Kafue project is by no means running smoothly yet. The clinics built so far have virtually no medical equipment or drugs, thanks to the tangled Zambian centralised system of allocations.

Local rangers, who are essential to supervising wild-



A trophy hunter with the head of a lechwe.

life, often do not have ammunition for their rifles.

Herds of lechwe graze close to the fishing villages by the huge lake on the Kafue river, where people subsist with great humour in the face of immense political and natural difficulties.

Crocodiles, which are protected by law, but which rip nets and attack fishermen as they wade in the lake, are the greatest problem.

A white hunting guide arrived one morning with the carcass of a lechwe, shot by Senior Charles Martinez, a Spanish trophy hunter.

He shook his head at the declining numbers of game on the flats.

\$35 million renovation at Central Park zoo

Animals, New Yorkers delight each other

By Bunny McBride

NEW YORK: A human being known as Mayor Ed Koch stood poolside, pulled back his shirt sleeves, and gingerly picked up a mackerel by the tail. A sea lion named Fino saluted the onlookers surrounding the pool, dived from his rock island, and swam toward the mayor. Then the mayor tossed the sea lion caught, and the crowd cheered — all celebrating the reopening of New York's dramatically transformed Central Park Zoo.

In a joint effort by the New York Zoological Society (NYZS) and the city of New York, the old zoo, which once confined big animals in small dreary cages, has been largely razed and rebuilt. The \$35 million renovation is clearly an effort toward animal conservation as much as human pleasure. The 5.5-acre zoo, which opened last month, now provides roomy, naturalistic habitats for smaller animals, as well as enchanting gardens and other amenities for people.

Managed by the city for more than a century, the zoo is now operated by the Zoological Society, which oversees the famous Bronx Zoo and is known for its pioneering work in animal conservation, research, and display. New York City parks commissioner Henry Stern, who calls himself "a man for all species," admits that the society "can do a better job than we can. We will continue to own the land and the buildings, but they'll be in charge of the animals. It's a marriage."

Matches

The "marriage" contract was drafted in 1980 by William Conway, general director of NYZS, and Gordon Davis, parks commissioner from 1978 to '83. For animal lovers who criticized the zoo for years, it was a long-awaited solution to the zoo's sad conditions.

There were no critics in sight on opening day. The atmosphere was one of sheer delight and mutual curiosity as the animals and 14,000 New Yorkers caught their first glimpses of each other.

The zoo's 450 animals, representing 110 species, live in indoor and outdoor exhibits divided into three climatic zones — the Tropic Zone, the

Polar Circle, and the Temperate Territory.

The Tropic Zone, entirely indoors, matches New York's steamy summer weather. Fairly bluebirds and Peking robins flit about freely in the richly planned aviary, at the core of the two-story building. Several habitat displays encircle the aviary. In one, colobus monkeys swing recklessly from limb to limb. In another, a long-nosed tree snake slithers around a truck. Big fruit bats flutter among the vines and ferns of their shadowy habitat, while in the ant nest exhibit, 100,000 cutter ants dash about their daily business with fervor of a rush-hour subway crowd.

The greatest people pleaser on opening day was the Polar Circle's indoor penguin exhibit, which simulates the stark, glacial terrain of Antarctica. The temperature is set at a brisk 35 degrees F., and visitors view the cool scene through a glass panel that enables them to

watch these playful birds waddle atop the rocky landscapes, or glide to and fro underwater.

The polar bears are also featured in the circle and are by far the largest animals in the zoo. Their territory is outside, consisting of mountainous boulders of simulated rocks and water pools that are kept at 65 degrees F. Visitors can climb about the habitat's perimeter, watching from various levels as the bears lumber over the rocks or leap into the cool pools.

Challenges

Zoo designers faced some tricky technical challenges: devising heated rocks for the frogs and complex climate control and filtering systems for the penguins, creating an escape-proof ant display, as well as simulated rocks that wouldn't wreak havoc on penguin feet.

According to the zoo's animal curator, Jim Murtaugh, the animals have adjusted quickly to their new homes. The penguins seemed especially thrilled to reach the zoo. After

being harvested as eggs on the Falkland and Nelson Islands, incubated and hatched at Sea World in San Diego, then transported by truck and plane in an ice-filled elephant crate, all 39 were band-carried into their new habitat. "They went bananas with delight," said zoo director Richard Lattis. "They zinged back and forth, flying under water." Adds Murtaugh, "It was utter exuberance."

In addition to the live-animal exhibit, the zoo includes a Wildlife Conservation Centre for displays that highlight the worldwide conservation efforts of the New York Zoological Society, and a Zoo School, which carries out an extensive wildlife education programme.

Original

The original plan for the 840-acre Central Park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, did not include a zoo. The idea came after the park was under construction. Jonathan Kuhn, Central Park historian, explains that "one day in 1858, someone dropped off a small bear at the park gatehouse. A park messenger boy began taking care of the bear, and gradually other animals were brought in and kept in makeshift conditions in the basement, and on the grounds surrounding the Arsenal building at the southern end of the park." In 1864, parks commissioner William Conklin established a formal menagerie and had wooden cages built.

By 1934, the menagerie facilities were outdated and dilapidated. Parks commissioner Robert Moses spearheaded a remodeling effort that resulted in the Central Park Zoo, a quadrangle of red-brick animal houses encircling a pool for sea lions.

In its day, the 1934 zoo was seen as grand.

Now, more than 50 years later, the zoo's physical transformation reflects a gradual change in our view toward animals. Certainly, the stated purpose of the zoo is less anthropocentric than it was in 1934.

Says Dr Conway: "Our goal here is to get people to think not just in terms of affection for animals, but also in terms of their long-term survival. The Central Park Zoo animals are ambassadors for all other animals throughout the world."

A polar bear cools off under a waterfall at New York's newly-renovated zoo.

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIMBREAST MILK BENEFICIAL
TO NEWBORNS

QUESTION: I read a newspaper article that said breast milk prevents children from getting cancer. I don't understand how this works, or how important it is. Would you please look this up?

ANSWER: I missed that newspaper article, but I suppose it dealt with some research recently published in a British medical journal called "The Lancet." Two groups of children were compared — 201 had cancer and 181 were healthy.

The risk for cancer was 1.8 times greater for bottle-fed babies than for those who were breast-fed more than six months. The difference seemed to be due to the presence of a type of tumor called a lymphoma, which is frequently associated with infections. Since breast milk is thought to provide material that helps the underdeveloped immune system of the baby fight off infection, these infants are not as likely to develop tumors associated with infections.

Cancer is rare in children, occurring only in about 14 of every 100,000, and lymphoma is rarer still. Even if these findings are validated by future research, the dangers are slight. There are many other proven reasons for

breast feeding that are statistically more important and make it a recommended method for assuring the nutrition of a newborn.

QUESTION: I suffer from an inability to ejaculate. I overheard a conversation about a new procedure that uses electric shock, but was too embarrassed to ask. Do you know anything about this?

ANSWER: It is difficult to interpret the conversation you overheard from your letter, but it is possible that they might have been talking about a process called "electro-ejaculation." This method is utilised to obtain sperm from men unable to ejaculate, for use in artificial insemination procedures.

It is a method long used in veterinary medicine. An electrical probe is inserted into the rectum, and an electrical impulse is used to produce the contractions necessary to expel the semen. This semen is then preserved and concentrated and used for insemination. It is not a procedure that can be used to aid intercourse, but it is useful for men unable to complete the sex act due to neurological problems that can be caused by spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis or

advanced diabetes mellitus, as well as other conditions.

QUESTION: Perhaps you will think this is a silly question but will be kind enough to answer it anyway. I am well into my 80s now and have never had a headache. Is there something wrong with me?

ANSWER: I don't think your question is silly at all, although I will admit it brought a smile to my lips. Any legitimate question that is of concern to you is entitled to consideration.

We concentrate so much on explaining symptoms and their causes that it may seem that everyone must have something wrong with them to be normal. While almost everyone I know has had a headache at one time or another in their lives, you are under no obligation to suffer this most common complaint.

Even the mildest of infections, troubles with sight and the daily stresses in life are capable of causing this ache, but the absence of this annoying pain in your life is a blessing and not a sign of any abnormality.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Thyssen steel plants clash over Krupp take

UESSELDORF, Nov. 28. (Reuters) The West German steel engineering group Thyssen said yesterday it was considering a move to buy into its main competitor, Fried. Krupp GMBH.

But Krupp said the overture was senseless and violated the terms of a trust which controls most three quarters of its shares.

An advance text of an article in today's Der Spiegel news magazine said Thyssen wanted a majority holding in Krupp.

Thyssen spokesman Lutz Trebbach said the company was interested, but declined to say how large a stake it was considering.

Largest

Thyssen is one of West Germany's largest steel and engineering groups. It has said it expects to make record profits this year.

Krupp said it could not consider any offer from its rival.

"Such a shareholding is either suitable nor sensible for business reasons and, according to the statutes of the Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Trust, impossible on legal grounds," the Krupp statement said.

Krupp company sources said the statutes prevented the trust, which owns nearly 75 per cent of Krupp, from allowing an outside shareholder to amass a majority stake.

Stake

Trebbach said Thyssen managing board chairman Dieter Lohmann and Krupp's supervisory board chairman, Berthold Beitz, met last Sunday to discuss Thyssen's possible acquisition of Krupp stake.

He declined to comment on whether another meeting was ahead.

On Tuesday Krupp, which is used in the declining industrial region, said it could make a profit of up to 100 million marks (\$38 million).

Krupp has held a minority share of around 25 per cent in Thyssen since 1974.

Herbert Warendorf, a lawyer representing Thyssen's interests in the deal, said he had not been told of Thyssen's intentions, but the Iranian government had also not been told.

Trade helps strengthen ties with Reagan

ITA BARBARA, Calif., Nov. 28. (Reuters) President Reagan made a new plea for the nation of barriers to world trade yesterday and urged his countrymen to beware of the dangers of protectionism.

His regular weekend radio address, delivered from his home in the California desert, Reagan said open markets policy he has used was the way to assure peace and prosperity.

"The economic alliance between the United States and other nations is not only a source of strength, but it is also a source of peace," Reagan said.

"We are not alone in the world," he said, "and we must work together to build a better world for all."

Strength

Protectionism is being used by US politicians as a cheap slogan to win votes, Reagan said.

"We should beware of the dangers who are ready to start a trade war against us," he said.

"Weakening our economic national security and the free world — all while waving the American flag," Reagan added.

Remarks seemed at people in Massachusetts governor Dukakis, the defeated Democratic Presidential candidate who made trade an election issue and said nations like Iran were taking advantage of free trade policy and giving Americans jobs.

Agreement

Reagan applauded Canadian backing of the US-Canada trade agreement last week. The agreement was the issue in the Canadian election won by Prime Minister Mulroney, an architect of the agreement.

Reagan said the agreement would help the United States and Canada to work together to build a better world for all.

Superpowers agree to prolong deal till end of '90

US, Moscow reach new grain pact

MOSCOW, Nov. 28. (Reuters) The Soviet Union and United States have agreed to prolong a grain trade pact today after eight months of difficult negotiations.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference the Soviet Union would buy at least an annual nine million tonnes of grain and soybeans from the United States under the pact which would run until Dec 31, 1990.

The pact, which came into force on Oct 1, was effectively a continuation of a five-year agreement between the two sides which expired in September.

The agreement provides for annual purchase of nine million tonnes of grain and soybeans and provides when necessary to buy additional amounts.

Gerasimov said.

He said the two sides also agreed to hold talks on the prolongation of the deal beyond its expiry date.

As part of the protocol, the Soviet Union had already bought 5.5 million tonnes of grain and more than one million tonnes of soybeans for delivery in the 1988/89 agricultural year.

Agreement was reached at this morning talks which only lasted about an hour, according to Igor Morozov, a spokesman for the Ministry for Foreign Economic Relations.

The US delegation was led by deputy Trade Representative Alan Holmer. Yuri Chumakov, deputy minister for Foreign

Economic Relations, headed the Soviet negotiating team.

The Moscow talks capped eight months of tough negotiations in Washington, London and Vienna as Moscow sought more flexibility in any future commitment to buy American grain.

The two superpowers have had grain pacts for the past 12 years. Both thought it was a generally beneficial arrangement.

The pact has created assured markets for US farmers with a surplus of grain to sell and a guarantee of available grain at competitive prices for the Soviet Union, where the average annual harvest does not meet the country's needs.

But, despite American keen-

ness to renew the old pact, this year the Soviet Union showed no interest in tying itself down to another five years of purchases — partly because Moscow is trying to improve its own grain production.

After the old agreement expired on Sept 30, Moscow proposed a one-year extension when the two sides last met in London in October.

Anxious to offer its strong farm lobby a guarantee of long-term sales, the Americans, at that point heading towards the Nov 8 presidential election, held out for a five-year pact and the October talks ended abruptly without a deal.

Last week it emerged that a two-year compromise pact was

under discussion after Holmer met Soviet trade officials in Washington.

Foreign analysts in Moscow say a below-target 1988 Soviet grain harvest may have been a factor in the Kremlin's decision to go ahead and sign a deal.

Despite agricultural reforms launched under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, his country's grain harvest this year will be lower than the 211 million tonnes produced in 1987, Soviet media said last month.

A final harvest figure has not yet been announced. But the International Wheat Council puts the Soviet crop at 200 million tonnes, while the US Department of Agriculture forecasts 205 million tonnes.

Exports surge to a record high

US trade deficit dips to \$28.53 billion

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. (Reuters) The US trade deficit for the third quarter of 1988 shrank to \$28.53 billion, its smallest level in three years, as exports of American goods surged to a record high, the government said today.

The trade surplus in the July-September quarter followed a revised deficit of \$30.15 billion in the second quarter and a first-quarter gap of \$35.18 billion, the Commerce Department said.

Shrinking

The quarterly report, which represents trade data on a balance of payments basis that excludes military sales and the cost of insurance and shipping, suggests the country is making

more progress in cutting its trade deficit.

The department had previously calculated the second-quarter deficit at \$29.94 billion.

The deficit has been shrinking since reaching a quarterly peak of \$41.19 billion in the last three months of 1987. After adjustment for inflation, the gap has been on a narrowing trend since the third quarter of 1986.

Economists generally give the quarterly report more credence than the government's monthly trade figures which are more widely known, especially in financial markets.

In the third quarter, exports rose \$2.7 billion, or three per cent, to a record \$82.31 billion

while imports rose \$1.1 billion, or one per cent, to \$110.84 billion.

The deficit for all of 1987 was a record \$160.28 billion on a balance of payments basis. In inflation-adjusted terms, it was \$161.21 billion.

In the first nine months of this year, the deficit has been running at an annual rate of \$125.16 billion, or \$125.51 billion in inflation-adjusted terms.

Shortfall

The US trade deficit with Japan rose \$100 million to \$12.0 billion in the third quarter, with Western Europe it fell \$1.2 billion to \$2.8 billion, and with newly industrialised countries in Asia it rose \$1.6 billion to \$8.8

billion, the Commerce Department said.

The shortfall with Canada fell \$1.1 billion to \$2.2 billion in the third quarter and with Latin America it fell \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion, it said.

Gains

Non-agricultural exports in the third quarter rose \$2.0 billion, or three per cent, to a record \$71.9 billion, with the largest gains in machinery and industrial supplies.

Exports of automotive parts to Canada and civilian aircraft decreased in the third quarter, the department said.

Agricultural exports rose \$0.7 billion, or eight per cent, to \$10.4 billion, the highest level since the second quarter of 1982.

Non-petroleum imports rose \$1.5 billion, or one per cent, to \$101.0 billion in the third quarter, with the biggest gains coming in cars from countries other than Canada, consumer goods, non-electrical machinery and industrial supplies.

The average price of imported cars in the third quarter fell 18 per cent from West Germany and one per cent from Japan.

Petroleum imports fell \$0.4 billion, or four per cent, to \$9.9 billion in the third quarter because the average price fell to \$14.22 a barrel from \$15.16 in the second quarter.

The volume of petroleum imports rose to \$7.5 billion barrels a day in the third quarter from \$7.4 billion in the second.

Austro-Hungarian trade brings business boom

SOPRON, Hungary, Nov. 28. (Reuters) When Maria Schwab leaves her Austrian home to have her hair styled or Hungarian factory worker Lajos Simon goes to buy a household electrical gadget, they take their passports with them.

They are not the only ones. Cross-border trade between the two countries is booming as never before.

For several years now, Austrian shoppers have converged on Hungarian towns in search of cheap food, repairs and cosmetic treatment, and the trend is growing.

Meanwhile, since January when the government abolished the need for exit visas, Hungarians have flooded to Vienna's main shopping street to buy Western brand goods at a fraction of the prices they would pay at home.

Customers

Frames and glasses which would cost 1,200 schillings (\$100) in Austria are sold here for around half price. Many people are regular customers bringing much-valued hard currency to deplauded Hungary.

On the other side of a carpark crowded with Austrian-registered cars, Sopron's state-owned hairdressing salon has as many Austrian clients as Hungarian.

"They come because they pay the same figure in Hungarian forints as they have to pay in schillings back home," said the salon manageress. (The official exchange rate is now 4.25 forints per schilling). She added that some of her Austrian customers return two or three times a month.

Although many shops in Sopron advertise German-speaking staff, an increasing number of the foreign shoppers manage to pronounce phrases such as "mennyi a kenelet?" (how much does it cost?), or "tul draga" (too expensive).

But while the Hungarian government welcomes the hard currency brought by the Austrian shoppers, retaining the money is proving difficult.

Much of the hard currency brought into the country is merely returned across the border in the pockets of Hungarians eager to buy Western goods at lower prices.

In Vienna, the Mariahilfstrasse — a long street of department stores, boutiques and electrical shops — has become the focal point of a daily Hungarian invasion.

From seven in the morning, ranks of grimy, crowded Hungarian buses line up next to Vienna's stately Kunsthistorisches art museum.

Many have driven through the night from towns as distant as Debrecen, over 250 miles (400 km) from the Austrian capital.

By opening time at eight, scores of tiny Hungarian cars jostle for parking space amid the roadworks and tramlines as police struggle to keep traffic lanes clear.

Japan treads tightrope to Montreal trade talks

TOKYO, Nov. 28. (Reuters) Japan is treading a tightrope in the world trade talks in Montreal next week, afraid of protectionism yet fearful at the same time of being branded protectionist.

With free trade zones looming in North America and Western Europe, Japan fears it may lose out in the trade stakes and hopes the world trade body, GATT, will help stop the slide towards protectionism.

The GATT meeting will focus on agriculture, the most heavily-protected part of Japan's economy, at a time when Tokyo is under intense pressure from Washington to end its ban on rice imports.

The talks beginning on Dec 5 are a mid-term review of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade's (GATT) four-year Uruguay round and are expected to help create trade rules for the 1990s and beyond.

For Japan, a nation whose economy is premised on access to foreign markets, the talks aimed at expanding world trade are crucial.

Japanese fretted over the result of the Canadian general election earlier this month which presaged passage of the US-Canada free trade pact, and worry that European Economic Community (EEC) plans to integrate its markets after 1992 will reduce Japan's access.

"We hope (the free trade zones) don't lead to protectionist measures. We must push the round forward to counter temptations to protectionism," a senior Foreign Ministry official said.

Japan's four national news-

papers urged Japan to resist the trend and oppose "fortresses of protectionism" which threaten GATT ideals.

Although Japan has little leeway in agriculture, its co-operation in other areas could help keep the Uruguay round talks on track to their 1990 conclusion.

System

On Hungarian public holiday in early November, Vienna's traffic system was reduced to chaos by more than 100,000 Hungarian shoppers. Some stores were forced to close their doors because of overcrowding.

"It was ridiculous," sniffed one Viennese resident, "everywhere you looked there were hundreds of Hungarian cars. You simply could not get in or out of town."

But while the daily invasion of bargain-hunters causes mile-long traffic queues on both sides of the border, it is nevertheless big business for shopkeepers and hoteliers.

Shoppers

For the rest of the day the pavements are filled with Hungarian shoppers trudging under the weight of bulky boxes containing video recorders, televisions and stereo equipment.

"It's not that you can't buy these things in Hungary, it's just that they are two-thirds cheaper here," said printworker Simon, struggling to load a Japanese brand colour television into a Dehrecen registered bus.

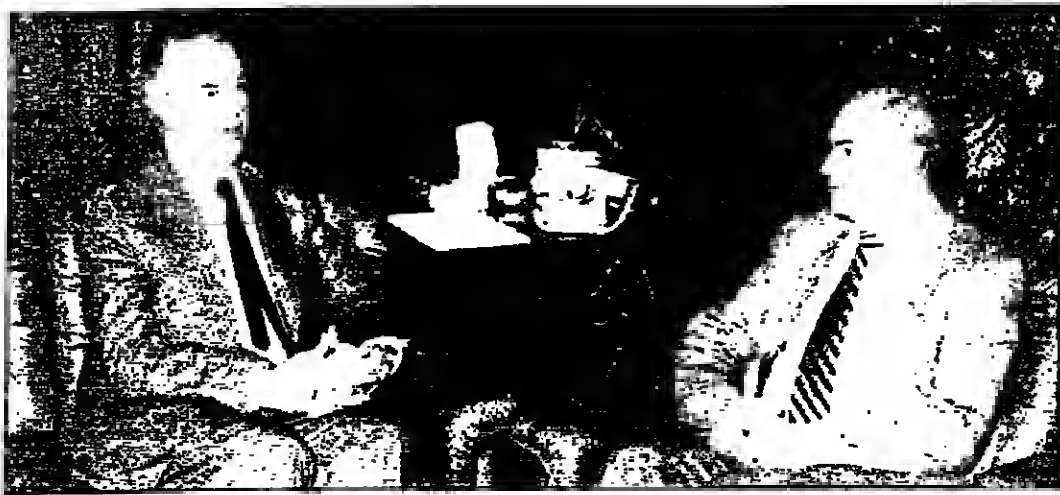
ECO ministers to meet

TEHRAN, Nov. 28. (KUNA) Foreign Ministers of the member-states of the Economic Corporation Organisation (ECO) will meet at the beginning of next year, Radio Tehran reported today.

This was announced during a meeting held here last night by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and Pakistan and Turkey's ambassadors to Iran.

ECO was formed in 1964 by Iran, Pakistan and Turkey to plan for joint economic activities among them.

Greek envoy meets OAPC chief



Abdelaziz Alwattari (right) talks with Constantine Tsokos, ambassador of Greece to Kuwait.

THE acting secretary-general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPC), Abdelaziz Alwattari, yesterday received the Ambassador of Greece to the State of Kuwait, Constantine Tsokos.

Discussions covered the forthcoming visit of a delegation from the European Economic Community (EEC) to OAPC, since Greece is currently holding the presidency of the EEC.

The director-general of energy at the European Economic Community, Constantinos Maniopoulos and an accompanying delegation are scheduled to hold talks at the OAPC Gen-

eral Secretariat Friday through Sunday in the context of annual meetings between OAPC and the EEC.

The ambassador took the opportunity during his visit to become acquainted with OAPC's functions and structure.

World Business Summary

Indonesia issues regulation on foreign fishing ventures

JAKARTA, Nov. 28. (OPECNA) All foreign fishing companies, operating in Indonesia under joint venture arrangements with local firms in the exclusive economic zones, will have to sell their catch at Indonesian ports or export it from there, according to Minister of Agriculture Wardoyo. He said that the decision was taken because Indonesia was losing as foreign companies continued to take their catch abroad in exchange for nominal operational fees paid to the Indonesian authorities. "We do not receive the value added and foreign exchange for our resources in the fisheries sector," he added. Under the new regulation, the companies are obliged to purchase Indonesian-made vessels if they decide to expand their fleets, according to the minister.

The new ships should be operated only in Indonesia and must fly the Indonesian flag, he added. At present, 33 foreign companies are operating in Indonesia's economic zones under joint-venture arrangements with local firms. The 871-strong fleet operates in the South China Sea, the Indian and Pacific Oceans and the Arafura Sea. According to the minister, the annual exploitation by this fleet has reached 30 per cent of the potential of the South China Sea, eight per cent of that of the Indian Ocean, nine per cent in Pacific waters and more than 60 per cent in the Arafura Sea.

Spain to boost trade with Greece

MADRID, Spain, Nov. 28. (AP) Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias met today with his Spanish counterpart to discuss bilateral matters and prepare for an upcoming European Economic Community summit on the Aegean island of Rhodes, a Spanish Foreign Ministry official said. Papoulias arrived yesterday for a three-day official visit. "This is a bilateral visit, although naturally the agenda includes the Rhodes summit," the official, who asked not to be identified in keeping with standard ministry practice, said. The Dec 2-3 meeting in Rhodes is the last EEC summit scheduled before Jan 1, 1989, when Spain is to take over the trade bloc's six-month rotating presidency from Greece. Papoulias was to meet Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez later today. Tomorrow, he was scheduled to have an audience with King Juan Carlos, whose wife, Queen Sofia, is the sister of Constantine, the deposed ex-king of Greece.

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FAR EAST — GULF TRADE LINES DECIDE FURTHER RATE RESTORATION

In accordance with their continuing process of restoring stabilisation of the trade, members involved with the Far East — Gulf trade have recently decided, under such programme, to enhance rates generally by USD 200 per TEU covering shipments to Arab Gulf ports, effective from 1st January, 1989.

On the other hand, as a concession to assist the trade as far as possible, members have decided to abolish the current temporary additional risk surcharge (TARS) to USD 100/200 per 20 ft/40 ft container and USD 4.00 per f/ton in respect of LCL cargo to all Arab ports, effective from 1st January, 1989 i.e. concurrent with the above rate restoration.

Exact details of new rates to apply from 1st January, 1989 will be made known in due course.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	195/6
ABBIE LFE	282.0	205.0
ADY LTD	120.0	120.0
ALD LYONS	465.0	440.0
AMSTRAD	56.0	58.0
ARGYLE GP	160.0	160.0
ASDA GP	142.0	142.0
BAA	265.0	265.0
BTR	486.0	486.0
BAT INDS	233.0	233.0
BARCLAYS	414.0	414.0
BASS	777.0	777.0
BEAZER	168.0	168.0
BEECHAMS	451.0	451.0
BERISFORD	408.0	408.0
BICC PLC	382.0	382.0
BLUE ARROW	92.0	92.0
BLUE CIRC	426.0	426.0
BCC GP	398.0	398.0
BOOTS CO	219.0	219.0
BPS INDS	382.0	382.0
BR CONN	230.0	230.0
BR ATHLET	152.0	152.0
BR AEROSP	427.0	427.0
BR GAS RT	156.0	156.0
BR LAND	356.0	356.0
B.P.P.	247.0	247.0
B.P.P. CO	145.0	145.0
BR TELCOM	253.0	253.0
BURMAN OL	477.0	477.0
BURTON	178.0	178.0
CABLESWIR	356.0	356.0
CADBURYS	339.0	339.0
CALOR GRP	382.0	382.0
CARLTON C	620.0	620.0
COATS VYI	155.0	155.0
COOKSONS	252.0	252.0
COURTAULD	261.0	261.0
DALGETY	502.0	502.0
DIXONS	144.0	144.0
ENG CHINA	453.0	453.0
ENTER OIL	500.0	500.0
FKI BARCK	128.0	128.0
FERRANTI	99.0	99.0
FISONS	233.0	233.0
GATEWAY	157.0	157.0
GEN ACCIO	815.0	815.0
GEN ELEC	171.0	171.0
GLAXO	053.0	053.0
GRANADA	319.5	319.5
GLOBE	139.0	139.0
GLTHMED	275.0	275.0
GUARD RYL	178.0	178.0
GKN	313.0	313.0
GUINNESS	327.4	327.4
HANSON	151.4	151.4
HARRISON C	566.5	566.5
HICKER SID	260.0	260.0
HILLSDOWN	965.0	965.0
ICI	965.0	965.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	720.0	719.0
600 GROUP	118.0	116.0
A.AMER TS	355.4	357.0
A.B.ELECT	425.0	422.0
A.S.W.HLD	211.4	207.0
AAB KENT	88.0	88.0
AAH HLD	280.0	279.0
AARONSON	113.0	112.0
ADDISON	33.0	32.0
ADVEST	176.0	173.0
ALEX WIKW	166.0	166.0
ALEXON	337.0	335.0
ALLO COLL	120.0	121.0
ALLO LHM	243.0	242.0
ALLO TR B	246.0	245.0
ALLO LHM	134.0	134.0
ALLO PLMT	65.0	65.0
ALLIANCE	811.0	811.0
AMBER DAY	42.4	42.4
AMEC	356.0	355.0
AMER TST	125.2	125.0
AMERSHAM	22.0	22.0
AMH BHC	250.0	244.0
ANGLIA TV	213.0	210.0
ANSBACHER	82.0	82.0
APPLYEAR	447.0	448.0
APV PLC	126.0	126.0
ASHLEY LA	111.0	111.0
ATWOODS	296.0	297.0
AUST REED	370.0	370.0
AUTO SECS	265.0	263.0
AVDEL PLC	83.0	81.0
AVESCO	110.0	110.0
AVIS EUR	324.0	323.0
AVON RUBB	668.0	665.0
B.NEMHILL	202.0	201.0
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BAIRD (W)	235.0	232.0
BANK IRE	238.0	237.0
BANKER IT	69.4	69.0
BARRIT DEV	172.0	171.0
BAYNES C.	27.4	28.0
BBA GROUP	160.0	160.0
BEAR B.WT	3.0	3.0
BEAR BRND	11.0	11.0
BEATTIE J	157.0	158.0
BEJAM GP	188.8	188.0
BELHAVEN	53.0	54.0
BELLWAY	216.0	216.0
BENROSE	220.0	220.0
BENLOX HD	50.0	50.0
BERKELEY	249.0	249.0
BIRM HNT	449.0	451.0
BIRN GRP	99.0	99.0
BLK LE 2	11.0	10.4
BLOTT + F	31.0	31.0
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ALEX WIKW	166.0	166.0
ALEXON	337.0	335.0
ALLO COLL	120.0	121.0
ALLO LHM	243.0	242.0
ALLO TR B	246.0	245.0
ALLO LHM	134.0	134.0
ALLO PLMT	65.0	65.0
ALLIANCE	811.0	811.0
AMBER DAY	42.4	42.4
AMEC	356.0	355.0
AMER TST	125.2	125.0
AMERSHAM	22.0	22.0
AMH BHC	250.0	244.0
ANGLIA TV	213.0	210.0
ANSBACHER	82.0	82.0
APPLYEAR	447.0	448.0
APV PLC	126.0	126.0
ASHLEY LA	111.0	111.0
ATWOODS	296.0	297.0
AUST REED	370.0	370.0
AUTO SECS	265.0	263.0
AVDEL PLC	83.0	81.0
AVESCO	110.0	110.0
AVIS EUR	324.0	323.0
AVON RUBB	668.0	665.0
B.NEMHILL	202.0	201.0
BAILL SHI	76.4	76.0
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BAIRD (W)	235.0	232.0
BANK IRE	238.0	237.0
BANKER IT	69.4	69.0
BARRIT DEV	172.0	171.0
BAYNES C.	27.4	28.0
BBA GROUP	160.0	160.0
BEAR B.WT	3.0	3.0
BEAR BRND	11.0	11.0
BEATTIE J	157.0	158.0
BEJAM GP	188.8	188.0
BELHAVEN	53.0	54.0
BELLWAY	216.0	216.0
BENROSE	220.0	220.0
BENLOX HD	50.0	50.0
BERKELEY	249.0	249.0
BIRM HNT	449.0	451.0
BIRN GRP	99.0	99.0
BLK LE 2	11.0	10.4
BLOTT + F	31.0	31.0
BOASE MAS	236.0	233.0
BOODINGTN	164.0	163.0
BOYD SKOP	560.0	558.0

LONDON
(Epsilon Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	720.0	719.0
600 GROUP	118.0	116.0
A.AMER TS	355.4	357.0
A.B.ELECT	425.0	422.0
A.S.W.HLD	211.4	207.0
AAB KENT	88.0	88.0
AAH HLD	280.0	279.0
AARONSON	113.0	112.0
ADDISON	33.0	32.0
ADVEST	176.0	173.0
ALEX WIKW	166.0	166.0
ALEXON	337.0	335.0
ALLO COLL	120.0	121.0
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LONDON
(Zeta Stocks)

180/0	A BSCC CC
123/0	ATLANTIC
149/0	AAR CORP
99/0	ABBOTT LA
89/0	ACME CLICOR
26/0	ADV NIVCOR
36/0	AETROFI LA
103/4	AERIAL LTD
321/0	AIRWAGON
465/0	PR-CH-CH
76/0	ALASKA AI
226/0	ALBERTSONS
314/0	ALBMA 80
323/0	ALCAN ALUM
23/0	ALCO STAN
172/0	AM CHINAI
194/0	AM ELET
184/0	AM NON PR
33/0	AM NON PR
33/0	AM STODAR
33/0	AM STORES
33/0	AM TEL-TE
331/0	ANCO CORP
149/0	ANP INC
12/4	ANP TIT
222/0	ANP PTC
330/0	ANR GEN C
390/0	AMERDA H
55/0	APACHE CP
222/0	ANTHELM
55/0	APAL 8-1
330/0	ARMSTRONG
385/0	ASIA PACI
365/0	ATLS CORP
79/0	AVENT INC
204/0	AVEN INC
101/0	AVON PROD
76/4	BCE LTD
129/0	BELO CP
129/0	BEY STEE
126/0	BNK BOSTO
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International Bond Highlights

LONDON—Toyota Motor Finance (Netherlands) BV is issuing a 200 mln dir Eurobond due December 20, 1991 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said, confirming an earlier report by bond market sources. (RTW 0948)

London—The US Student Loan Marketing Association (SALLIE MAE) is issuing a 20 billion yen Eurobond due December 15, 1993 paying 4-7/8 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager IBI International Ltd said. (RTW 0948)

London—Lavoro Bank Overseas NV is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due December 15, 1993 paying 10 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct. Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc said. (RTW 1111)

Frankfurt—The European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) is issuing a three-year 242.5 mln mark Eurobond, and with a coupon of 5-1/8 pct priced at 100-7/8, lead manager Bayerische Vereinsbank AG said. (RTW 1031)

Zurich—Eurofima is issuing a 150 mln Swiss franc, five pct bond with a maximum maturity of 15 years and priced at 101 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTN 1302)

London—Deutsche Bank Berlin AG is issuing a 50 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due December 28, 1993 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at par, lead manager Deutsche Bank Capital Markets said. (RTVU 1821)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 12-3/4 1/2	12-7/8 13/16	13-3/16 1/16
FF 4.95/5.00	4.70/80	4.95/5.05
PAR 7-11/16 13/16	7-7/8 8	8-1/16 3/16
EUR 4-1/4 4-1/2	4-1/2 4-3/4	4-5/8 4-7/8
BRX 5.60	5.60	5.60
ROM 10-3/4 11-1/4	11-1/2 12	12-1/2 13
AMS 4.75/88	5.25/85	5.31/43
TOK 3.6875 7500	4.3625 4250	4.4375 5000
EDU 7.31 7.56	7.50 7.62	7.75 7.87

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-7/16	7-15/16
3 months	6-3/16	7-1/16
6 months	6-15/16	7-7/16
1 year	6-7/8	7-3/8

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	92	94	92 NICO	620	640	635
ACC 381	380	376.50	GNFC	59.50	60	58.50	MUKAND	131	134
ASIA PAINT 175	220	220	SSFC	160	160	150	NOCIL	891.50	865
BAJAJ AUTO 397.50	403.75	400	RIND LEVER	82	82.50	81	PEICO	34.50	34
BAR. RAYON 360	360	360	HINDALCO	141	140	140	PFIZER	84	82
BOM. OYING 138	139	132	HINDCOCCO	121.75	121.25	118.75	PRE. AUTO	52	53
BR. BOND 112	109	113	HINDMOTOR	30	29	29	RAYMOND	66	67
BSE INDEX 718.16	702.63	702.63	IND ORG	37	47	46.50	RELANCE	168.50	169
CENTURYSPG 1460	1460	1425	INDRATON	92	90	90.25	SIEMENS	100	99
COLGATE 316.25	317.50	312.50	INDRATON	260	266.25	252.50	SPIC	62	62
DEEPKAPFER 48.50	50	50	ITC	48	48	50	STILLWIS	330	330
EL. HOTEL 60	57.50	61.25	JKNATH	80	88	88	TATA PHR	436	451
ESKAYEF 28.50	28.50	29.50	L AND T	128.50	129	128.50	TATACHEN	106	107
ESSAR 140.50	151.25	153.75	MATINDRA	112	114	114	TELCO	742.50	753.75
GAR. POLY 115	117.50	116.25	MASTERSHR	19	19	19	TISCO	1060	1072
GE. SHIP 41	40	41	MATHER PL	19	19	19	VOLTA	530	550

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	190.0
ALLIANZ VR	1758.0
BADEMERK	181.0
BASF	278.6
BAYER	293.1
BAYER HYP	353.0
BAYER VER	353.0
BBC	329.2
BHF	394.0
BNI	510.5
COMERZBK	234.0
CONTI GUM	266.5
DAIMER BEH	727.0
DEUTSCH BHK	504.0
DLN	399.0
DRESHER 8	295.5
DT BARCOCK	152.0
FALZ INDEX	522.55
FELDMUEHL	269.0
GOLDSTEIN	315.4
HARPENK	415.0
HOECHST AG	294.3
HOECHST	168.4
HORHE	223.0
HUSSEL HLD	437.0
KALI SALZ	143.0
KARSTADT	405.2
KAUFHOFF	367.0
KLOECK H	123.5
KLOECK W	103.0
LINDE	697.5
LUFTHANSA	142.0
NAN	214.4
NANNESMAN	186.0
MERCEDES	595.0
METALLGES	336.5
NIXDOFF PF	333.3
NORSK HYD	28.10
PHILIP KON	613.0
PORSCHE	564.0
PREUSSAG	169.9
PMA	224.1
RHEINMETAL	573.0
RME	230.0
RME P	209.0
SALAMANDER	302.0
SCHERING	547.0
SEL	473.0
SIEMENS	473.0
THYSEN	175.6
VARTA	307.0
VEBA	265.0
VEW	160.0
VOLKSWAGEN	310.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C N TUNNEL	15.80
CHONG K	7.55
CHINA GAS	17.10
CHINA L-P	13.70
CHINA MOTR	23.40
COSMO PROP	4.00
EVERSO IND	2.05
FAR EAST C	.83
GEN ORIENT	0.44
H C DEVELOP	8.95
H S INDEX	625.08
HANG LUNG	5.35
HANG SENG	27.90
HAW PAR BR	9.10
HK ELEC CO	6.95
HK KOWLOON	8.45
HK LAND CO	8.90
HK SHAN BK	6.30
HK SHAN HT	5.70
HK TELE CO	4.92
HUTCH WHAM	8.40
IND EQ PAC	10.00
JARDINE H	14.30
KOWLOON H	8.55
NEW WORLD	12.70
PAUL Y CON	2.25
REALTY DEV	7.00
S H K CO	2.02
S H K PROP	11.80
SINE DARY	2.15
STELLK WFG	2.62
SWIRE PAC	18.50
T V B CO	1.33
TAI CHEUNG	4.07
UNION BANK	1.59
WOCK MARD	0.75
WOCK MARI	0.15
WORLD INTL	3.90

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.37
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.99
ARAB BANK	139.7
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.35
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.46
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION	1.00
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58
ARAB JOR. INVST/BK	2.35
ARAB PAPER CON/TKD	0.32
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	2.37
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INB.	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.65
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00
CONCEPT/COOCLATE	0.65
DAR AL SHAH PRESS	0.65
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.18
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.62
FINANCE/CREDIT/CDR	0.57
GARAGE OWNERS OFF.	4.28
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.49
GENERAL MINING	1.45
HIMEX MINERALS	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44
IND. HATCH JENCO	0.72
INDSTR. DEVLPT BKK	1.62
INDSTR. COMM/AGR.	1.38
INDSTR. INVEST.	0.75
INTER. COM/INV.	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.95
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64
ITEMED/PETRI/CH	1.38
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.75
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.60
JOR ELEC. INS.	25.01
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.72
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.28
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.02
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.98
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.56
JOR LIT BRICK	0.25
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.71
JOR PAPER CARDBRGS	3.70
JOR PHOSPHATE MHS	3.78
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.51
JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	2.05
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.86
JOR SECURITY CORP.	0.81
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.84
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.63
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.80
JOR. KUWAIT AGR.	1.00
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	8.50
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.35
JOR. INV. FIIH CORP.	2.38
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.33
JORDAN DAIRY	1.05
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.23
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	1.85
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.55
JORDAN TANNING	2.10
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.73
MACR/EMI/RENT/MAIN	0.80
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60
MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.67
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	2.29
NAT. CABLE/PHONE	1.11
NATIONAL ALUMINA	1.32
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.85
NATIONAL STEEL	2.91
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25
PETRA BANK	2.25
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.01
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.78
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.52
SHIPPING LINES	0.93
SPINNING WEAVING	0.95
THE HOUSING BANK	1.92
UNITED INSURANCE	1.16
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.99
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.72
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.83
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.26

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	70.00	72.00	71.00
AC-A	10.00	10.25	10.00	LC-B	.48	.49	.49
AKS	2.75	2.80	2.65	LC-C	.50	.51	.50
GLO	31.50	32.00	31.00	PK-A	.37	.38	.36
PLDT	219.00	220.00	219.00	PK-B	.38	.39	.37
KPSI-A	2.20	2.24		BP-A	.01	.011	
KPSI-B	2.24			BP-B	.011	.012	
SMC-A	141.00	142.00	141.00	LC-A	.0028	.003	
SMC-B	230.00	231.00		LC-B	.0028	.003	
MINING				OPM-A	.023	.024	.024
APX-A	.024	.025	.024	OPM-B	.024	.025	
APX-B	.025	.026	.025	OPM-C	.025	.026	.026
AT-A	30.50	31.00	30.50	OPM-D	.026	.027	.027

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	1,061,060	13,657,130	881.04	4.16 UP
COM-IND.	87,364,450	13,565,225	4,668.58	71.94 UP
MINING	185,600,000	2,804,800	4,278	0.044 DN
OIL	272,025,510	29,827,155	753.81	3.02 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	70.00	71.50	71.00
SMC-A	141.00	142.00	142.00	LC-B	.48	.49	.48
SMC-B	231.00	231.00		LC-C	.50	.51	.50
SD-TIRE	35.00	35.00		LC-D	.50	.51	.50
PLDT	219.00	220.00	219.00	ZIP	.008	.0085	.0085
ANSOR-A2-70	2.75	2.70					
AC-A	10.25	10.25		STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	31.00	32.00	31.50	BP-A	.01	.011	.011
FER-A	2.28	2.30	2.30	BP-B	.011	.012	.011
FER-B	2.36	2.50		LC-A	.0028	.003	.003
MINING				LC-B	.003	.0032	
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-A	.023	.024	.024
APX-A	.024	.025	.025	OPM-B	.024	.025	.025
APX-B	.025	.026	.025	OPM-C	.025	.026	.026
AT-A	30.50	31.00	30.50	OPM-D	.026	.027	.027
AT-B	35.00	36.00	34.00	TA	.016	.017	.017

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	1,932,930	12,161,560	880.80	UP 2.82
C/I	226,589,350	34,265,375	4,524.96	UP 87.15
MINING	295,650,000	3,600,500	4,500	DN .037
OILS	524,172,280	50,027,235	736.55	UP 3.54

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	FED FLOUR	410	KECK SENG	164
ADFE A			FIMA BHD	248	KILLINGRA	354
ADFE B			FUITEC	656	N BREW	1100
AJINOMOTO	200	200	G KENT	64	N CEMENT	94
ANAL IND	20.5	21	G U HLDGS	110	FEEDHILL	100
ANAL STEEL	179	182	G U HLDGS	102	N FLOUR	28
BATA	350	350	GANDA HOG	27.5	N GLASS	208
BERJAYA	112	112	SENTING	510	N TUD NPS	161
C'WAY INV	59	59	GOLD COCH	180	N UTD NPS	58
CARLSBERG	540	540	GSI	128	N'SHITA	570
CDK	312	314	GUINNESS	318	N'WATA	55
CEREBROS	550	553	GULA	28.5	NAGNUM	197
CI HLDGS	85	85	H L IND.	150	152	METAL BOX
CI TANG	350	354	HAM PAR	95	NTC BHD	316
COLD STOR	480	480	INCHCAPE	286	292	MULPHATIND
DAYAPI	53	53	INNO-PAC	466	468	MULTIPURP
DNIR BHD	100	101	INSAS	223	227	MURATASO
DUTA CON	29	29	ISSETAN	675	680	RAI TIME
DUTCHBABY	440	440	J SHIPART	318	328	ROBINSON
ELEC MAGN	161	164	JACKS LTD	138	138	S DARY
ESSO ORD	350	350	JC-MPH	82	85	S PACIFIC
F UAN S	243	243	JONAN HDG	37.5	38	S PRESS
F A C B	20	20	K S HLDGS	110	110	S PRESS F
F E SHIP	212	218	K KELLAS	220	220	S SHIP

Oil prices jump

Dollar strengthens and gold mixed

LONDON, Nov 28, (Agencies): The dollar closed higher against major European currencies today. Gold prices were mixed.

The dollar closed higher in Frankfurt at 1.7338 marks against Friday's closing 1.7170, in Zurich at 1.4540 Swiss francs against 1.4375, in Paris at 5.9205 francs against 5.8715, in Brussels at 36.55 Belgian francs against 36.24, and in Milan at 1,286.75 lire against 1,276.10.

In London, the pound ended the day at \$1.8350 compared to \$1.8445.

Gold was up in Zurich to \$424.50 per ounce against \$423.50, but fell in London to \$423.50 per ounce against \$424.25.

Unchanged
Silver closed unchanged in Zurich at \$6.20 per ounce and in London at \$6.15 per ounce. Meanwhile, crude oil prices

jumped today on news that OPEC clinched an agreement to cut excess production and drive up energy costs.

Fears of oil-led inflation and of higher interest rates to pinch off depressed share prices around the globe, with the London Stock Market down 17 points at midday. But the dollar gained.

A cargo of typical North Sea crude traded for \$14.95 a barrel, up \$3 from a week ago and the highest since late August, following news from an OPEC meeting in Vienna that the organisation had agreed to cut output by about 20 per cent.

Slide
Market talk that US interest rates may have to go up to deal with inflation in the American economy helped pull the dollar out of its slide of the past two weeks.

Higher US rates will make interest-bearing dollar assets a better buy, and the dollar touched 122.30 yen in Europe after being perilously close last week to an all-time low of 120.20.

But stock markets are less enthusiastic about firmer oil prices and the risk of higher inflation and interest rates around the world.

Tokyo, the biggest, lost 380.27 points or 1.3 per cent on the Nikkei average which closed at 28,983.32.

Down
Interest rate worries sent the Australian All-Ordinaries index in Sydney down 26.5 points to a closing 1,479.5. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 31 to 2,625.08. Shares were weaker in early business in Paris and Frankfurt.

London extended a fall begun on Friday when the FTSE index of 100 blue chips sank 38 points

on news of a record British trade gap and a hike to 13 per cent in bank base lending rates.

Today trading saw the "Footsie" down 17 points more at midday around 1,777.

Exporters were marked down as the higher interest rates attracted money to sterling which was boosted to levels that threaten to make British goods uncompetitive abroad.

The pound rose to its highest in 14 weeks against the West German mark. It touched 3,189.00 marks, up almost two pence from Friday, although it was slightly easier against the firmer dollar falling just below \$1.84.

The dollar at Europe's midday fetched 122.20 yen and 1,734.00 marks, up from closing values in New York on Friday of 121.33 and 1,716.5.

OPEC President Rilwanu Lukmao of Nigeria said he

hoped the oil price would reach the organisation's target of \$18 a barrel by next summer.

"We want to go up to \$18 as soon as possible. May be by June it will be \$18," he said in Vienna.

Latest trades in the crude oil spot market were still around \$14.80 a barrel for North Sea grades.

Meanwhile London shares remained lower but above off the day's worst after the higher oil prices failed to send Wall Street into a new slide. The Dow Jones industrial average was up six in early New York trading around 2,080.

The Bank of England, Britain's Central Bank, intervened in currency trading to sell pounds for marks and dollars to try to cap sterling's appreciation, dealers reported. The pound held just below 3.19 marks.

Bid to drive prices higher

OPEC signs agreement

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The OPEC accord sets new output quotas for the 13 exporters and cuts output by about 20 per cent to 18.5 million barrels per day from January.

Market analysts said it may not be enough to mop up a worldwide glut but could tighten the market enough to add one or two dollars to prices in the short-term.

The talks were seen as a political triumph for Iran, which conceded a long-resisted demand by its rival, Iraq, for an equal output quota but obtained several major concessions.

Analysts called the accord a breakthrough for OPEC generally as OPEC sought to lay the ghost of the Gulf war, at the root of so many of its deep-seated problems.

Impact
"This accord would not have been possible without August's ceasefire," Vazri said. "It has major strategic importance and could have a positive impact on Geneva peace talks between Iran and Iraq."

Iran and Iraq's foreign ministers have made little headway in Switzerland, but their oil ministers appear to have made better progress in dealing relations on the oil front.

For the first time since Dec 1986, Iraq will be party to a production agreement, ending a boycott over its demand for a quota as big as Iran's. The boycott undermined OPEC's authority in markets, prompting other members to flout quotas.

OPEC mediators succeeded in drafting an accord that forced all 13 members to make concessions but also held out the promise of higher prices and no loss of face at home.

Iraq won its demand for an equal production quota with Iran.

Share
Iran conceded the principal of parity, but maintained its share of the OPEC ceiling at 14.37 per cent. Reintegrating Iraq into an accord will subject Iraq to a 2.64 million barrel ceiling and thwart plans to increase that to four million.

The other 11 members all saw their share of total production decline, but appear to have decided that was a reasonable price to pay for OPEC unity and higher prices.

In a bid to avoid cheating on new production quotas, which has so often depressed prices, OPEC is setting up a committee to watch for violations. "With this, we will be constantly aware of what's going on a weekly basis," Lukman said.

New output quotas

OPEC has announced the following output quotas for the 13 members for the first half of 1989 in barrels per day.

Algeria	695,000
Ecuador	230,000
Gabon	166,000
Indonesia	1,340,000
Iran	2,640,000
Iraq	2,640,000
Kuwait	1,037,000
Libya	1,037,000
Nigeria	1,555,000
Qatar	314,200
Saudi Arabia	4,524,000
UAE	988,000
Venezuela	1,636,000

China's inflation rate will hit a record 20pc by the year-end

BEIJING, Nov 28, (UPI): China's official inflation rate will hit a record 20 per cent by the end of the year, a sign efforts to cool the overheated economy are not succeeding, the state Statistical Bureau announced today.

The figures were released as Chinese leaders opened a national meeting on economic planning in Beijing and reiterated a decision to slow down a programme of capitalist-style economic reforms next year.

The bureau announced the retail price index for October had soared 26.2 per cent compared to the same period last year, the highest one-month increase since senior leader Deng Xiaoping began freeing the economy from Soviet-style central control in 1978.

Rate
In its bulletin of national statistics, the bureau said inflation rose by 17 per cent during the first 10 months of this year and also predicted an overall 20 per cent inflation rate for 1988, the official Xinhua news agency said.

That prediction, announced

by bureau spokesman Mao Youfeng, is two times more than earlier estimates and nearly three times more than last year's inflation rate of seven per cent.

China announced in September a slowdown of its market-oriented reforms, which mark their 10th anniversary next month, and is struggling to cool an overheated economy by tightening central control over trade, finance and construction.

Potential
Vice-premier Yao Yilin told today's opening session that the retrenchment was necessary to "bring into full play the nation's great potential and advantages by cutting inflation and putting the economy on a sound footing," the news agency said.

In another indication the clampdown has failed to take the steam out of the economy, the bureau announced national industrial output rose by 20.4 per cent in October from the same period last year. That places further pressure on a raw materials market already starving for supplies and rife with corruption. Industrial output rose 17 per cent

during the first half of this year. The rapidly expanding economy and its contradictory mix of capitalism and socialism has sparked panic-buying, widespread corruption among officials and runaway inflation — the worst mix of negative economic factors since the founding of Communist China in 1949.

Because of skyrocketing inflation, China earlier cancelled plans to free more goods from central control. It also ordered major cut-backs in capital investment and tried to calm nervous consumers with promises of no more price rises up to the end of the year.

But consumers have continued to strip store shelves of everything from salt to video machines, and prices of decontrolled goods still increased. Fears of inflation have further been fuelled by rumours of a devaluation of the Chinese renminbi, the official currency, prompting enterprises that do business with foreign companies to pressure for payment in foreign currency such as the US dollar.

Moscow takes sharp measures to reduce huge budget deficit

BOSTON: The Soviet Union is taking sharp measures to reduce a huge budget deficit.

United States economic experts have been aware for some time that under Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet budget has fallen deep into red ink after decades of conservative fiscal policies. In fact, the deficit is now relatively worse than in the US.

Soviet Finance Minister Boris Gostev just confirmed publicly in a speech to the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet parliament, what had been published obscurely earlier — news of the government's fiscal troubles. "The Soviet government budget is an incredible mess," says Joe Vanous, editor of PlanEcon Report, a Washington-based newsletter that follows the economies of East bloc nations.

Harvard economics professor emeritus, Abram Bergson, agrees. "The Russians are in trouble in this area," he says.

To Western Soviet experts, recent Soviet budget deficits are

particularly surprising because of the highly conservative monetary and fiscal policies followed by the Soviet Union in the post-war years. Soviet budget deficits have normally been modest. Its monetary policy has been, as US economist Milton Friedman once said, "monetarist" in character. The Soviet government created a limited supply of new money each year.

But last year, according to estimates of Vanous, the Soviet budget deficit totalled 75 billion roubles (\$120 billion at the official exchange rate).

Deficit
In relation to the size of the economy, the Soviet deficit is more than twice as large as its US counterpart, which is \$155 billion. The Soviet budget deficit is about nine per cent of total output in the Soviet Union.

This year, Vanous guesses the Soviet deficit could be even larger — say 80 billion to 85 billion roubles and a bit larger percentage of total output. That would

compare to approximately 3.2 per cent of gross national product for the US in the fiscal year just ended.

"One does not need to be an economist to understand that the budget policies followed under Gorbachev can only result in an outburst of rapid inflation," Vanous says.

In fact, inflation has already accelerated. Marshall Goldman, Wellesley College economics professor, estimates Soviet inflation at about five or six per cent, far higher than the normal one per cent or so. Vanous estimates inflation there is closer to eight per cent.

Whatever the rate, inflation was one topic of the Soviet parliament, the Supreme Soviet, when it met recently.

Finance Minister Gostev told the assembly that the 1989 budget would have a deficit of \$59 billion (36.2 billion roubles at the official exchange rate), or 7.3 per cent of the total government budget of \$804 billion.

"This is not a problem which has only just emerged," he said. "It is the result of an unbalanced economy, of excessive subsidies, of huge losses caused by extensive management methods, parasitic attitudes, and passive financial policy."

US experts on Soviet economics, however, blame the deficit primarily on Gorbachev's strict anti-alcohol programme launched three years ago — a policy officially reversed recently.

Since the Soviet treasury was getting about 90 cents on every \$1 of alcohol sold, the sharp downturn in sales of alcoholic beverages meant a huge loss of revenues.

"It is hardly surprising that having deprived the Russians of vodka, Gorbachev is now compelled to curtail Soviet military interventions abroad and seek arms agreements with the West, and hence a potential cut in Soviet military expenditures," Vanous says.

Professor Bergson says be-

lieves any future arms-reduction deals with the West will be critical to Gorbachev from a political standpoint, especially since his economic reforms have put no more goods on Soviet store shelves.

The Soviet government already has made legal alcohol more available. Vanous says the projected cut in the Soviet 1989 budget deficit likely will be the result of the complete reversal of Gorbachev's anti-liquor programme. He says one result of the limitation in legal alcohol has been the flourishing of moonshine.

Sugar, an ingredient needed in making alcohol, is in such short supply that it has been rationed in some areas. Moreover, says Vanous, the lucrative illegal liquor business has led to organised crime in the Soviet Union.

Finance Minister Gostev talked of budget savings through the liquidation of unprofitable businesses and farms.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Stoltenberg calls for G-7 meeting

BONN, Nov 28, (UPI): West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg called again today for a meeting of finance ministers of leading industrial nations soon after George Bush is inaugurated as US president.

He told reporters the meeting of the so-called Group of Seven — the United States, Canada, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Japan — should be held early in the new year.

Stoltenberg said he sees no need for the group to take action on the dollar, which has fallen to record lows since the US election. He called the present level of the dollar "appropriate."

Agreement
He said the agreement reached by the seven countries in December 1987 on stabilising the dollar still is working. He said there is agreement in Washington and elsewhere to continue to ensure a stable dollar.

The new meeting, he said, would continue the group's co-operation in economic, financial and currency matters and discuss the international debt problem.

French Finance Minister Pierre Bergeyov last week announced in Paris that he and Stoltenberg wanted a meeting of the group soon after Bush takes office.

His announcement was believed to be prompted by the pressure on the dollar.

Iran to enhance economic ties with Libya

NICOSIA, Nov 28, (Reuters): Iranian minister of heavy industries Behzad Nabavi left Tehran for Libya today to enhance economic and political ties, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

IRNA, received in Nicosia, said Nabavi was heading a 28-member delegation for a five-day visit during which he will attend the first meeting of a joint economic and cultural commission.

"The meeting will consider grounds for further economic, technical and cultural co-operation and sign a letter of understanding," IRNA quoted him as saying before departure.

A 37-man Iranian delegation is already in Libya to investigate grounds for mutual co-operation, IRNA said.

Meanwhile, Iranian Minister of Mineral Resources Ayat Elahi today left Tehran for Hungary heading an economic delegation, Radio Tehran said.

US banks raise prime lending rates

NEW YORK, Nov 28, (AP): Three of the highest US commercial banks raised their prime lending rates a half percentage point to 10.5 per cent today, the fourth increase this year.

Other major banks were expected to follow the lead of Chase Manhattan, Citibank and Chemical Bank.

The increase, effective immediately, pushes the base lending rate to its highest level since May 1985, when it was lowered one-half percentage point to 10 per cent.

Hike
A number of analysts had been expecting a prime hike due to the steady increase of interest rates in the credit markets.

"It comes as no surprise, given the rise in the short-term rates," said William V. Sullivan, economist for the investment firm Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

Sullivan said there also was "building perception in the marketplace" that the Federal Reserve might push rates even higher by raising its discount

rate, or the interest charged to member banks for loans, to support the dollar.

Concerns about the growing federal budget and trade deficits have pushed the dollar sharply lower against most major currencies in recent weeks.

Costs
The prime rate reflects a bank's costs of borrowing money and trails more subtle increases in other interest rates.

But the rate is watched closely because bankers use it as a basis for calculating loans to businesses and for determining many types of fixed and adjustable-rate consumer loans, including popular home-equity loans.

Reuter adds: Economists say the Fed has apparently pushed up its target for the federal funds rate, the floating rate at which banks lend money to each other for overnight reserve requirements. The rate is a key one in the banking system.

The US economy has shown surprising strength in recent

months, with a strong increase in the number of new jobs and a boom in exports leading to possible bottlenecks and inflationary pressures.

Step
Some economists also say the Fed is likely to take the highly visible step of increasing its discount rate, the rate it charges banks for overnight loans. That rate is currently 6.5 per cent following an increase on Aug 9.

Figures on employment, consumer spending, and Gross National Product due out later this week will determine how quickly the Fed moves. Some believe these reports will show enough vigour for the Fed to act in the two weeks following.

The Fed's inflation-fighting effort was complicated over the weekend as OPEC, for the first time in two years, attained an output agreement among all of its 13 members. The approaching agreement sent oil prices sharply higher and put pressure on bond and stock markets late last week and today.

Optimism over GCC economic integration

RIYADH, Nov 28, (KUNA): The secretary general of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) Abdullah Yaquob Bishara expressed optimism towards achieving economic integration among the GCC six member states.

Bishara told the Saudi daily Al Youm published here today that the GCC members including Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and United Arab Emirates have progressed in the field of the economic integration and by doing that have achieved some of the regional body's ambition.

The secretary general affirmed the need to achieve the common Gulf market which, he said, was the ultimate goal of economic integration.

However, Bishara pointed out that it would take some time for the GCC to attain that goal in view of outstanding obstacles.

Bush opposes higher indirect taxes

WASHINGTON, Nov 28, (Agencies): US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said today that President-elect Bush opposes higher indirect taxes, such as excise taxes on cigarettes and alcohol, as well as increased personal income taxes.

"No new taxes. No more taxes. That's what I saw reading the vice-president's lips," Brady said in a television interview.

Asked whether the financial markets were sceptical about Bush's ability to reduce the \$155 billion US federal budget deficit, Brady said the markets have fluctuated somewhat since the Nov 8 elections but not more than usual.

"It doesn't worry most observers," he said. He noted the dollar was higher now than it was a year ago against 15 out of 20 leading currencies. "Stability is what we're after and stability is what

we've got," he said. Brady said cutting the deficit is important but reductions must come through revenues generated by economic growth and through speeding cuts.

Brady rejected a suggestion that the Reagan administration's economic forecast for 1989 was too rosy, saying that 3.5 per cent growth was very possible. Inflation would be in the four per cent area, Brady added.

He said it was too early to specify which areas of the budget would be cut, except that under Bush's plan for a flexible freeze on spending taxes would not be raised and government benefits for pensioners would not be trimmed.

Expenditure
"He's going to take off the table taxes and social security. Those are issues that he's going to leave as they are. And he's going to tackle the other areas of

expenditure. It's too early yet to say what categories those are going to be. Whether that's in defence or some of the other social expenditures, it hasn't been decided," Brady said.

Meanwhile, people in the United States say reducing the budget deficit should be George Bush's top priority as president, and most favour a tax crackdown and defence cuts to accomplish it, a Media General-Associated Press survey has found.

Survey
Respondents to the national poll firmly opposed most new or higher taxes to address the deficit, and most also opposed cuts in domestic programmes such as welfare or a freeze in social security benefits.

Strong majorities, however, did support higher federal taxes on cigarettes and alcohol, and a

narrow majority, 52 per cent, favoured reductions in defence spending to cut the deficit.

The survey also found overwhelming support for an international revenue service crackdown to collect taxes, an approach urged by Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis in the presidential campaign but ridiculed by Bush.

The 1,084 adults polled were asked: "What do you think should be George Bush's No. 1 priority once he takes office?" Thirty-four per cent said the deficit, an unusually high rate of agreement in an open-ended question.

No other category drew a response rate in the double digits. Seven per cent cited other economic matters, five per cent said poverty or homelessness, five per cent said defence and the rest were scattered over a range of issues.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

HONG KONG: A lack of buying interest exacerbated the effect of light follow-through selling from Friday and pushed the market steadily lower. The Hang Seng index shed 31 points to 2,625.08.

FRANKFURT: Fears that higher oil prices would boost inflation and prompt a US interest rate rise pushed shares lower in this trading. The Dax index fell 16.28 to 1,259.13.

PARIS: Prices ended down but off their lows of the session on some late bargain-hunting.

SINGAPORE: Trading volume dropped to near the year's low as operators stayed on the sidelines due to uncertainty about foreign markets. The Straits Times industrial index fell 8.77 to 1,002.55.

LONDON: Prices were steady around the 1,780 support point on the FTSE 100 share index in late trading, mirroring Wall Street's muted response to news that a clutch of US banks raised their prime rates. By 1630 GMT the index was down 13.1 at 1,781.6.

GIC signs contract

THE Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC) has recently signed a contract with SRI International, an internationally known consulting firm, to conduct an economic and technical feasibility study for a foil mill project to be located in Bahrain, according to a press release. GIC is acting on behalf of a group of private and institutional investors interested in developing the project. The study is expected to take six months to complete after which the investor group will meet to discuss its findings.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. A/9
Tender's Internal No. 318/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works
Requirements: Operation & maintenance of agriculture beautification & irrigation works of Conference Palace
Relevant for: KD 150/
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 18.12.1988

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 9.00 am on Monday, 5.12.88 at Ministry of Public Works offices at the site to discuss the nature of works and answer the queries.

Qualified tenderers:
1. Agricultural Development Co.
2. Arabi Co.
3. Green Fields Agricultural Ltd.
4. Mass Equipment & Trdg. Co.
5. Palm Trees Agriculture Products Co.
6. Mohd Abdul Mohsen Al Khorafi
7. Arabian Agriculture Co.

Tender No. 344/AK/27/88
Tender's Internal No. 308/1988
Concerned party: Shuaiba Area Authority
Requirements: Maintenance & repairing of appliances of water & air pollution control station
Soleman fee: KD 30/
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 3.1.1989

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Wednesday 14.12.88 in Main Meeting Room Shuaiba Area Authority to answer the queries & acquaint with the relevant appliances.

Please refer Information Office — Main Entrance Gate Shuaiba Area Authority to collect the area entry permission.

For further information, please contact phone 3262841.
Tender No. MEW/22/4/77-88/88
Tender's Internal No. 319/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water
Requirements: Painting works of equipment & different appliances in Shuaiba power station.
Relevant for: KD20/
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 3.1.1989

Qualified tenderers:
1. Kremenco.
2. Al Afaq Trdg. & Contg. Int. Co.
3. Ahmed Gulom Riza Ashkanani Est.

4. Arabian Equipment & Gen. Contg. Co.
5. Middle East Construction Co.
6. Al Yaqrah Trdg. & Electrical Contg. Est.

7. Hnoud Al Khadi Trdg. & Contg. Est.
8. Abdul Aziz Yusuf Al Essa & Partners
9. House of Trade & Contg. Co.
10. Hamra Kuwait Est.

11. Al Thunian Al Ghanim Est.
12. Saud Abdul Aziz Al Arfa Est.

13. Kuwait Kumtec Co. Ltd.
14. Warba National Co.
15. Abdul Latif Thunian Al Ghanim Est.
16. Al Soula Contg. Co.
17. Kuwait Shipbuilding & Repair Yard Co.

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 10.00 am on 14.12.88 in Shuaiba power station to acquaint with a nature of works and answer the relevant queries.

NOTICES
Tender No. 2802
Requirements: Supply of oil separation vessel
Contractors who have already obtained the above tender documents are requested to collect the relevant addendum No. 1.

The CTC announces that the closing date of the above tender is postponed to Tuesday, 20.12.88 instead of Tuesday 6.12.88.

Tender No. MTM/7D
Requirements: Supply of lab equipment
Further to the notice published in the Official Gazette Issue No. 1796 dated 6.11.88, the CTC hereby confirms the inclusion of Al Haqoo Scientific & Medical Appliances Co in the list of companies qualified to take part in the above tender.

NOTICE
The Central Tenders Committee invites all merchants, companies and establishments intending to participate in the tenders to collect the Certificate of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry for 1989 to be submitted to the Committee to participate in the tenders invited by the Committee.

Corrigendum
Tender No. MT/77 — Supply of 38 tons of polyethylene bags for salt filling — P.I.C.
The CTC draws the attention of all concerned that this tender is open for the following companies:
1. Al Youfi Reinforced Plastic Products Factory
2. Plastic Industries Co.
3. Kuwait Carpets & Plastic Products Co.
4. Al Ahleeb Plastic Co.
5. Plastic Filling & Industries Co.
6. Al Wasen Industry & Trdg. Co. and not as erroneously mentioned in Issue No. 1797 dated 13.11.88.

Tender No. 3/88/88 — supply of chemical materials
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Tender No. NHA/7/22/88/88 — Construction & Maintenance of a Main Police Station in Western Doha Project
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announces the above tender according to the following documents:
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- 1 International telegraph message (5)
- 4 An equine quadruped (5)
- 7 A downhill movement (7)
- 8 Device for catching fish (3)
- 9 Upper part of the trunk (5)
- 10 In a smaller degree (4)
- 12 Mathematical calculation (3)
- 14 One piece of a chain (4)
- 16 Yellowish fossil resin (5)
- 19 Murmur like a dove (3)
- 20 Tangle intricately (7)
- 21 Take steps (5)
- 22 That which is morally correct (5)

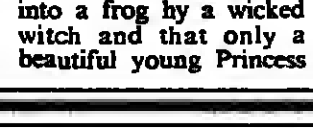
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- 1 An addition to a will (7)
- 2 Anoint with fat in roasting (5)
- 3 Items in a sports programme (6)
- 4 Have feelings of detestation (4)
- 5 Cleanse under running water (5)
- 6 Take solid food (3)
- 7 Old-fashioned term for a snake (7)
- 8 The man in command (6)
- 9 A loop with a running knot (5)
- 10 Cause to accompany (5)
- 11 Uncultivated plant (4)
- 12 High-sided bed (3)

Solution on Thursday

The poor Princess looked very ill at ease and the King said sympathetically: "Come along, dear, help the Frog up,"

over, picked him up and laid him at the foot of her bed. Then she burst into sobs, buried her face in the pillow and finally fell into

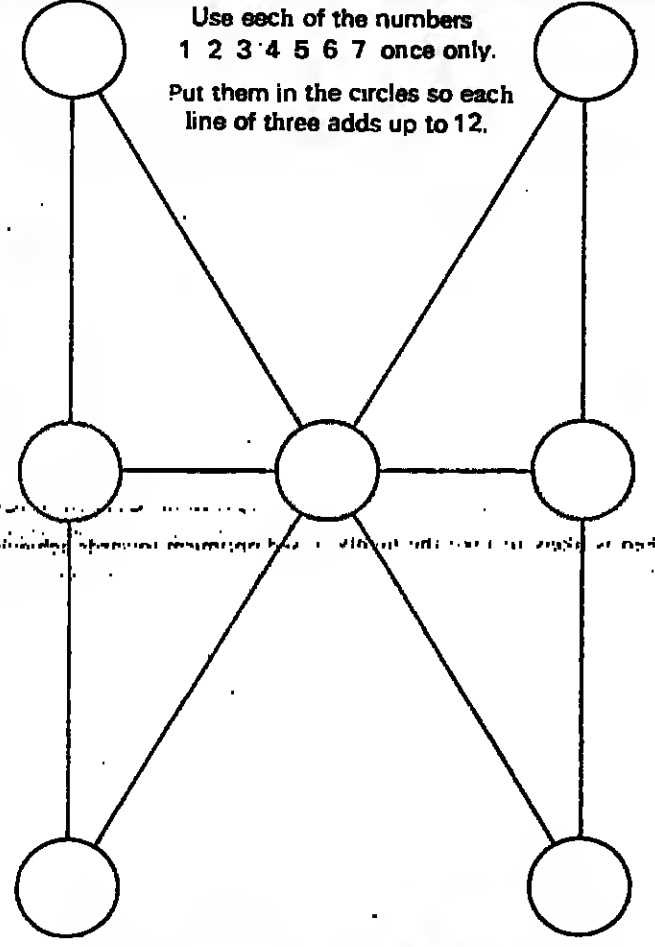


And when the Princess was grown up into a young lady they got married and lived happily ever after.

Cross-number puzzle

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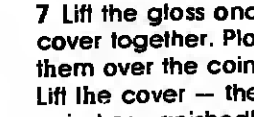
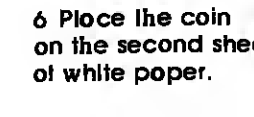
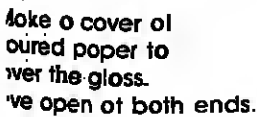
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GIANTS OVERCOME SAINTS

Bengals brush aside Bills

NEW YORK, Nov 28, (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals' offense faced a tough test yesterday against the Buffalo Bills' defense, which was ranked first in the AFC.

The Bengals' offense not only passed, it made the honour roll. "We know we have the best offense in the NFL. We think we can run on anybody," quarterback boomer Esiason said after Cincinnati stayed in first place in the AFC Central with a 35-21 victory over the Bills.

Esiason completed 17 of 25 passes for 238 yards and the Bengals ran for another 232 yards. Leroy Woods ran for 129 in 26 carries and scored three times and James Brooks ran for 93 yards and scored twice on a defense that had allowed 101 yards rushing per game.

The Bengals netted 455 yards against a defense that had been giving up just 270, best in the AFC and second-best in the NFL.

"It is far and away the best offense we have seen," said Buffalo coach Marv Levy, whose

team clinched the AFC East title last week and still has an 11-2 record, a game better than Cincinnati at 10-3.

"I think it took us a while for them to realize they were as good as they looked on film. This is a team with a great offensive line and they moved us," Levy said.

In other games yesterday, it was Cleveland 17, Washington 13; Chicago 16, Green Bay 0; Pittsburgh 16, Kansas City 10; New York Jets 38, Miami 34; Philadelphia 31, Phoenix 21; and Atlanta 17, Tampa Bay 10; San Francisco 48, San Diego 10; Indianapolis 24, New England 21; Denver 35, Los Angeles Rams 24; and New York Giants, 13, New Orleans Saints 12.

This evening, the Los Angeles Raiders are at Seattle. The Giants 13, Saints 12. Paul McCadden kicked a 35-yard field goal with 21 seconds left last night and two backup quarterbacks combined to lead the New York Giants to a 13-12 victory over the New Orleans Saints.

Jeff Hostetler started the game in place of the injured Phil Simms, sidelined with bruised ribs and missing a start for the first time this season. Jeff Rutledge relieved Hostetler in the second half.

Morten Andersen kicked four field goals to account for New Orleans' scoring.

Eagles 31, Cardinals 21 Philadelphia held on to at least a tie for the NFC East lead as Ron Johnson caught two touchdown passes and set up a third in a victory over Phoenix.

Browns 17, Redskins 13 Cleveland virtually ended the playoff hopes of the defending Super Bowl champions when Earnest Byner ran 27 yards for a touchdown with 1:49 remaining. Byner's score wiped out a 13-10 Washington lead and a third-and-five situation.

Bears 16, Packers 0 Neal Anderson scored his second touchdown of the game on an 80-yard run in the third quarter, but Chicago saw quarterback Mike Tomczak and defensive end Richard Dent

injured against hapless Green Bay.

Jets 38, Dolphins 34 New York, which had struggled offensively while losing their last three games, got an NFL-record 39 first downs and a team-record 597 yards against Miami, which lost its fourth straight despite five touchdown passes from Dan Marino.

Falcons 17, Bucs 10 Falcons' rookie Michael Haynes caught a 37-yard touchdown pass while sliding on a rain-soaked turf in the fourth quarter, giving Atlanta its victory over Tampa Bay.

Broncos 35, Rams 24 Denver, scoreless for seven quarters, got three touchdown passes from John Elway, two of them in a span of just 15 seconds in the third quarter, in the Broncos' defeat of Los Angeles.

49ers 48, Chargers 10 San Francisco improved its playoff hopes at San Diego as Joe Montana threw three touchdowns, two of them to Jerry Rice, including a club-record 96-yarder.

Evert outlasts Navratilova

INGLEWOOD, California, Nov 28, (AP) — Chris Evert beat Martina Navratilova 7-6, 7-5 last night on a slow surface in the Forum as part of the Exhibition Michelin Challenge Series.

Evert still trails in this long-standing series, 43-38. There were no service breaks in the first set, and Evert claimed the tiebreaker 8-6 by winning the last three points.

Returned

On the final point, Navratilova thought her first serve was long, but Evert returned it and won when Navratilova didn't go for the passing shot.

Evert won the last two games of the second set, breaking Navratilova on a double-fault and then serving out the match.

"It's been six years since I've played here at the Forum. I enjoy playing these types of matches because there's no pressure," Evert said. "It's more relaxed and I think it's a better show."

"I can't be competitive against her," she added. "I have to be alert. I have to get on top early if I can. The difference in the match tonight was that this court is slower and it's my type of surface. The ball was a medium pace and I could use my groundstrokes and they are the better

part of my game."

Navratilova said she was bothered by the indoor lighting. "I have a hard time seeing here," she said. "It doesn't bother (Evert). I have astigmatism ... indoors is much different than outdoors."

Played

She added: "Chris and I kept it close. I let her get into the match. She's been playing more and I haven't played for a couple of weeks."

In a doubles match, Tracy Austin and John Lloyd defeated peanut Louie-Harper and Pete Sampras 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Cleveland and Portland win

NEW YORK, Nov 28, (AP) — Ron Harper scored 26 points and brought Cleveland back from an early 14-point deficit as the Cavaliers defeated the winless Miami Heat 109-80 in a National Basketball Association match last night.

Harper scored five points during a 15-0 Cleveland run in the second period that wiped out a 42-30 Miami lead.

Trail Blazers 109, Warriors 94 Portland's Clyde Drexler scored a game-high 29 points and Kevin Duckworth had 12 of his 18 in third period to lead the Trail Blazers to a 109-94 win over the Golden State Warriors.

Trailing 59-58 early in the third period, Portland outscored the Warriors 18-4 during a five-minute stretch in which Duckworth scored eight points.

Kuwait sailors visit Dubai

A TEAM of Laser sailors from the recently formed Messilah Beach Laser Club made the trip to Dubai over the weekend for the 10th Gulf Sailing Championship.

Relative newcomers to the Laser scene, the Kuwait sailors were undaunted by the strong competition and put together a commendably determined effort in their first international yachting regatta.

Capitalised

With over 100 boats on the water and conditions varying from a fresh breeze on Thursday to light variable winds on Friday afternoon, the Dubai sailors soon capitalised on local knowledge to take the lead in all four dinghy classes.

The Kuwait squad steadily improved their performance

throughout the regatta doubtless due to the assistance of resident sailing coaches Tina Foster (Australia) and Alf Amstel (Holland) who were on hand constantly providing valuable input of the highest order.

However, after two days and four races, local sailors took the top places in the 25-strong Laser fleet. Kuwait's Mike Hattemore and Richard Bytigh picked up very creditable 5th and 11th places respectively.

Further visits to Gulf countries are planned for 1989 with both Bahrain and Qatar having keen Laser racing fleets.

The Messilah Beach Laser Club's Winter Series continues on Friday with race briefings at 10 am and 1.30 pm. Any sailor interested should contact Ken Balman, telephone 5624111 for further information.

Mets crushed Astros in a Kuwait Little League game

Friday, with all the Mets players hitting runs for a 15-0 victory.

While the Mets saw a lot of action on Friday, Royals, Cardinals, Indians and Cubs had their matches postponed to Dec 7 due to the American Thanksgiving celebrations.

The Mets jumped to a 7-0 lead after the first inning. The Astros just could not get anyone out. The game became out of reach for the Astros after two innings. Spectacular pitching by Majed Jamshidi led the Mets to their 15-0 shutout victory.

Undeclared The second game proved to be a lot more exciting for both fans and players. The Giants were undefeated this season, and the Athletics came to change that. The game was a pitchers' duel. In the first inning, the pitcher for the Giants, Mako, struck out the first 3 at bat. Athletics' pitcher, Stanley Ehret, held the Giants to their nine run lead during the second inning, striking out three of the four batters he faced. The game ended in a dead even, 3-3 tie. Ehret struck out 13 batters, and Mako twelve.

Another high scoring game for the Tigers and the Pirates, made for a lot of excitement in the day's third game. A score of 27-18, can't be a real baseball score? It is though, when the T-ball players get to a hittin' and a runnin' the scores just keep on a climbing.

The first inning looked great for the Tigers, scoring 12 runs. Jacob Hashem and Abdullah Elipoulos hit homeruns, Abdullah getting two RBI's.

Alex Elipoulos hit a homer in the second, bringing in one run, as did Ramay Hamam.

The Pirates were slow getting started, but Khairy Abuljabain's homerun in the third inning brought in 3 runs to get the Pirates going. In the fourth inning, the Pirates scored 11 runs, with Khairy hitting another homer, and Nicholas Anderson getting a triple. But time ran out for the Pirates, and the Tigers held on to win it 27-11.

The senior teams had a real game on Friday. Rex Sox pitcher Jeff McKasson threw well, holding the White Sox to just two runs in the first inning. Good fielding by 1st baseman Luis Alvarez, kept the White Sox from getting on base, and possibly scoring. Jeff McKasson had a beautiful hit in the third inning, bringing in 2 runs. Jeff made it home himself on that hit due to White Sox errors.

It was the best played game of the season for the two senior League teams. However, both teams made a few fielding errors. It was an exciting game, with the Red Sox edging out the White Sox 11-10.

Struck

The final game of the day saw the Mariners facing the Blue Jays. Mariners' pitcher, Maud Tungebar, turned in another fine performance. In the first inning he struck out two batters, and the third baseman made a beautiful catch, holding the Blue Jays scoreless. Both teams rallied in the fourth inning, with the Mariners scoring 7 runs and the Jays scoring six. After two full hours of play the Mariners came out on top, 11-8.

Fenech puts title at stake

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov 28, (AP) — Australian Jeff Fenech predicts he might have to go the distance when he defends his World Boxing Council featherweight title against George Navarro of the United States on

Wednesday. Fenech has no doubts, however, who will emerge the winner in the bout at the National Tennis Centre. "I know I'll win," Fenech said yesterday.



Tyson (centre) prepares to be baptized by Payden (left) and Jackson. (Reuter wirephoto)

Religion will change my life: Tyson

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov 28, (Reuter) — Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, huffed recently by personal problems, was baptized yesterday and said later he felt religion would change his life.

Tyson said he felt "born again," after the three-hour ceremony attended by promoter Don King and the Reverend Jesse Jackson, a former Democratic presidential candidate.

Tyson wore a long, white sheet-like robe and matching cap throughout the ceremony which was performed by the Reverend

Henry Payden, with assistance from Jackson.

While King stood only a few feet away from the large tub-like font, Jackson placed his hand on Tyson's shoulder and prayed with Payden who was standing in the large tub with Tyson. Payden bent the champion backward, quickly submerging him in the water.

Tyson, who was broadly smiling after the service, is in the process of a divorce from his actress wife, Robin Givens. The champion is also embroiled in a bitter dispute with his manager, Bill Cayton, over Tyson's insis-

tence that King promote his fights.

Tyson said last month he would buy a home near Cleveland, King's hometown. King owns a 137-acre estate about 45 miles (72 km) from Cleveland.

More than 100 people mobbed Tyson when he tried to avoid reporters and quickly leave after the service.

King said after the service "It is just magnificent that he (Tyson) has found Jesus, has been baptized and reborn again. It is a wonderful feeling and I am so happy."

Forces rout Gold Star

FORCES Cricket Club thrashed Gold Star, Cantt B crushed Sialkot and Social outclassed Oxford in the Cantt Challenge Cup matches at the Salmiya ground on Friday.

Gold Star batted first and managed only 137 runs in 29 overs for the loss of eight wickets. Sadiq 41 and Nadeem 10 were the top scorers.

Figured

In reply, Forces got the runs in 25 overs for the loss of only three wickets. Nawab 19, Riaz 16, Mansoor Jamil 21, Ilyas 23 not out and Mansoor Zabeer with an unbeaten 43 figured in the scoring.

In an earlier match, Sialkot were all out for 98 in 25 overs. Fayyaz 20 and Riaz 18 were the only batsmen to reach the double.

Soviets take unbeatable lead

SALONIKA, Greece, Nov 28, (Reuter) — The Soviet Union defeated Bulgaria to take an unbeatable lead in the World Chess Olympiad yesterday, assuring their men's team of a fifth consecutive gold medal.

After 13 rounds of play it is impossible for second-place England, trailing by four points, to defeat them in the final round tomorrow.

The Soviet team has won gold in every Olympiad, which is held every two years, since 1980. More than 100 countries are competing.

The English team struggled against the Philippines, drawing on all four boards being played. The United States, defeating Yugoslavia, and the Netherlands, overcoming Sweden, were tied for third place.

Mustafa helps Asim edge past Failaka

ASIM Cricket Club scored a two-wicket victory over Failaka Cricket Club in a Kuwait-Gulf Cup tournament match at the F.C. ground on Friday.

Asim opted to field, after winning the toss, and this decision seemed to pay dividends as Ghulam Mustafa sent back both the Failaka openers in the first over with only three runs on the board.

Wickets kept falling at regular intervals but Asim managed with 42. Failaka were eventually all out for 101. Ghulam Mustafa took five wickets for 13 runs while Farhat got three for 21 and Zahid two for 29.

Both

Asim also started their innings badly, losing both the openers for only nine runs. Abdul Rehman and Saeed took the score to 49 before the former was out for 19.

Wickets started falling at regular intervals but Asim managed to keep pace with the scoreboard and were home with two wickets and six overs in hand. Ghulam Mustafa remained unbeaten on 13. He was named Man of the Match.

Floyd wins \$290,000 in Skins golf

LA QUINTA, Calif., Nov 28, (Reuter) — Raymond Floyd won \$290,000 yesterday to bring his two-day total for 18 holes in the Skins golf game to \$290,000.

Jack Nicklaus finished the event with \$125,000 in winnings and Lee Trevino earned \$35,000. Curtis Strange was shut out for the entire all-American competition.

Nicklaus picked up the first money yesterday when he sank a 10-foot putt on the par-five, 618-yard 11th hole, worth \$50,000. "Unfortunately I wasn't able to do much after that hole," Nicklaus said.

In the Skins' format each hole is worth a specific amount of money. A player must win the hole outright in order to collect the money or the prize will be added to the next hole. The first six holes are worth \$15,000, the next six \$25,000 and the final six \$35,000.

By the 16th hole the accumulated purse was up to \$165,000.

Move

Floyd and Strange were on the green together putting for birdies. Floyd sank his 12-footer first, leaving it up to Strange to either tie and move the purse up to \$200,000 on the 17th hole, or have Floyd pocket the money. But Strange, the tour's leading moneywinner, missed a seven-foot putt.

"As soon as I hit the putt I felt it had a real good chance of going in," Floyd said. "From where he was I really thought Curtis (Strange) was going to make his putt."

"I'm delighted how I played here. I played very well, and at the right time. I made the birdies when I had to. I felt coming in that I was playing as well as I ever had to go green," Floyd said.

On the following hole the par-three 17th, Trevino won his only hole of the tournament. Last year's defending champion sank a 20-foot birdie putt to win \$35,000.

"My problem this week was that I drove the ball poorly," Trevino said.

Former chess champion dies

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Nov 28, (AP) — Jan Hein Donner, a Dutch chess player who won the Netherlands' national title three times in the 1950s, has died in a nursing home. He was 61.

The cause of his death yesterday was not immediately disclosed. A spokesman for the Vreugdehof nursing home today said Donner suffered a stroke in 1984.

Donner was a prominent figure in the Dutch capital's left-wing intelligentsia.

Discover gold

Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

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SPORTS

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Danish player

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Nov 28. (UPI): Southampton of the English First Division is giving Danish midfielder soccer player Carsten Jensen, 25, a week's trial. Jensen, 25, is bidding to follow fellow Danes Jan Molby (Liverpool) and John Sivebaek and Jesper Olsen (both ex-Manchester United) who have had spells in the English League.

Cup holder

WIMBLEDON, England, Nov 28. (UPI): English FA Cup holder Wimbledon is set to sign Polish international midfielder Detzi Krzyzanski, 27, who has been playing for Homburg in the Second Division of the West German League.

Racing team

LONDON, Nov 28. (UPI): British Formula One driver Jonathan Palmer has been retained by the Tyrrell racing team and was named as their No. 1 driver for the 1989 season today.

Federation Cup

LONDON, Nov 28. (UPI): Jo Durie, Britain's No. 2 tennis player, withdrew from Britain's team for the Federation Cup women's world tennis championship in Melbourne from Dec 4-11 because of a shoulder injury.

Title fight

LONDON, Nov 28. (UPI): Nigel Benn of Britain will defend his Commonwealth middleweight title against David Noel of Trinidad at Crystal Palace on Dec 10, it was announced today.

Newcastle director

NEWCASTLE, England, Nov 28. (UPI): George Dickson, the biggest shareholder on beleaguered Newcastle United's board of directors sold out to millionaire rival John Hall today — but refused to resign as a director.

Indrajit wins

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Nov 28. (AP): Indonesian Wongsu Indrajit outboxed Edil Geronimo of the Philippines to win the World Boxing Council International bantamweight title in a 12-round bout, it was reported yesterday.

Yugoslav player

BOSTON, Nov 28. (AP): With star player Larry Bird sidelined for four months after foot surgery, the Boston Celtics of the National Basketball Association are trying to lure 7-foot Stojko Vrankovic from Yugoslavia.

Chess tourney

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov 28. (UPI): The first 'World Active Chess Championship,' will be held at scheduled Dec 10-17 in Mazatlan, Mexico, the World Chess Federation (FIDE) announced today.

Cup race

BERLIN, Nov 28. (AP): Eric Flaim of the United States won a 5,000-metre World Cup speed-skating race in East Berlin yesterday, preventing a sweep by East German skaters.

UEFA quash replay order on Turks

ZURICH, Nov 28. (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) yesterday quashed a European Cup replay order on Turkey's Galatasaray Istanbul.

UEFA's control and disciplinary committee last week ruled the second round second leg match against Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax should be replayed on a neutral ground because of crowd trouble involving Galatasaray fans.

Yesterday after six hours the appeals board said the 5-0 result in favour of the Turks would stand.

The Turkish club, who won 5-3 on aggregate, now move into the quarterfinals.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hibara Bridge Club game held on Saturday:

- N/S
1. Guirgis and George
2. Jaggi and Usam
3. Gajjar and Aurora
E/W
1. Sapre and Deep Hereira
2. Kamal and Al Aziz
3. Lallo Murtwaite and Dona Mateny

Results of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game held on Sunday:
1. Wilms Al Khadra and Adly Tiab
2. Jaya and Ravi Sapre
3. Joseph Sammel and Sadhir Dhamra

Results of the Messial Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday morning:
1. Nabil Akel and Lallo Murtwaite
2. Dona Mateny and Garzya Gdala

Sharing third: Jamila Akel and Margaret Maynard and Margaret Maynard and Andrea Goodridge

QADIR TO JOIN TEAM LATER

Pakistan head for Australia



Imran: Inspires his players

KARACHI, Pakistan, Nov 28. (Reuters): Imran Khan's Pakistanis, unbeaten in a cricket Test series since 1986, left today for a 3-1/2-month tour of Australia and New Zealand.

The talented squad will take part in World Series Cup one-day games against Australia and West Indies in the first leg. Then, in January, they go to New Zealand for a Test series and more one-day matches.

Provided

Cricket board secretary Arif Abbasi said Pakistan had also agreed to join England in a triangular one-day series in New Zealand in March provided the commitment did not exceed five matches.

Apart from vice-captain Javed Miandad, the 17-man squad is full of world-class batting talent in the shape of Salim Malik, Rameez Raja, Mudassar Nazar and Ejaz Ahmad.

Imran and the powerful Wasim Akram will spearhead the pace attack, with the world's leading wrist spinner, Abdul Qadir, and Tauseef Ahmad backing up.

But the team's main asset is undoubtedly its charismatic captain, who inspires his players like no other. Imran retired from international cricket after the 1987 World Cup but was lured back to head a tour of West Indies early this year.

He refused to play in the Australian tour of Pakistan which ended last month saying the weather was too hot.

Since losing 2-0 to New Zealand in 1986, Pakistan have won four of their last six Test series.

Impressive

Home wins against England and Australia were marred by controversy over the Pakistani umpiring. But they also scored impressive away wins against England and India and drew with the mighty West Indies at home and in the Caribbean.

Three players did not join the squad. Qadir is staying behind for family reasons and will join the team later. Fast bowler Salim Jaffer is recovering from a pulled muscle and newcomer Aaqib Javed will fly out after getting a visa.

New Zealand set to take 2nd Test

Bracewell holds key to win

BOMBAY, Nov 28. (Reuters): New Zealand, on the brink of only their second Test victory in India, look to off-spinner John Bracewell for further heroics when the second cricket Test resumes tomorrow after today's rest day.

India, one-up in the three-match series, need 145 runs with just three wickets in hand on the fifth and final day tomorrow.

Bracewell has played two crucial innings of 52 and 32 and he has taken four of the seven Indian wickets to fall in the home side's second innings to add to his two first innings victims.

New Zealand captain John Wright was full of praise for the all-rounder today.

"He's had a fantastic Test and he's bowled as well on the fourth day as I've ever seen him," Wright said.

Bracewell bowled captain Dilip Vengsarkar and Navjot Sidhu with sharply turning deliveries and a well-flighted delivery accounted for Kapil.



India's ace batsman Mohammed Azharuddin is caught by Ken Rutherford (right) on the fourth day of the game. Richard Hadlee (left) and Smith leap in joy. (Reuters wirephoto)

Dev, well caught by Wright himself in the covers.

"That's the wicket we really wanted before the close," Wright said.

Wright also paid tribute to the efforts of his late-order batsmen.

Bracewell, Ian Smith and Ewen Chatfield who added 98 runs for the last two wickets yesterday.

"Those 98 runs for the last two wickets, I think, had a very bad psychological effect on the Indians," Wright said.

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Mark Waugh hits century for NSW

SYDNEY, Nov 28. (Reuters): Australian Test cricket prospect Mark Waugh hit his second first-class century of the season for New South Wales today, while Tasmania's Richard Soule missed his maiden hundred by one run.

Waugh, whose brother Steve is a current Test all-rounder, made up for his first innings duck by scoring 100 not out as his team's Sheffield Shield match against Tasmania ended tamely in a draw in Devonport today.

Partnership

Waugh and opener John Dyson (53 not out) shared an unbroken second-wicket partnership of 154 as New South Wales, 132 behind on first innings, made 157 for one by the close of the fourth and final day.

Waugh faced 166 attempting a quick single which would have given him his maiden century. His innings helped Tasmania from their overnight 281 for six to 360 all out.

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Results

In Adelaide: South Australia beat Western Australia by three wickets.

Scores — Western Australia 268 and 131, South Australia 325 and 75 for seven wickets (T. Alderman five for 29).

In Devonport: Tasmania took first innings batting points in their draw with New South Wales.

Scores — New South Wales 228 and 157 for one (M. Waugh 100 not out, J. Dyson 53 not out), Tasmania 360 (E. Soule 99, G. Lawson three for 63).



HH the Amir receiving the Kuwait senior and junior handball teams and members of the Kuwait Handball Association on Monday. The senior Kuwait team recently won the 5th Palestine Handball Championship held in Syria. The under-17 team came second in the Junior Asian Championships, also held in Syria recently. The chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia and honorary president of the Kuwait Handball Association, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad, was also present at the audience.

Logie strikes form in time for second Test

MELBOURNE, Nov 28. (Reuters): With West Indies' rain-marred match against Victoria always destined for a draw today, Gus Logie made good use of the time to hone his batting skills in readiness for the second cricket Test starting on Friday.

The little Trinidadian displayed a classy array of strokes to reach 134 — equal to his highest score in Australia — as West Indies made 328 in reply to Victoria's first innings 385.

The four-day match was then abandoned as a draw. Altogether, more than seven hours play was lost because of rain.

Carl Hooper, who helped Logie stage a recovery on Saturday after West Indies were reduced to four for three, added only one run to his overnight 63 before driving the ball into the hands of Paul Jackson at mid-on, but then Logie was well into his stride.

Beginning the day on 79 not out and with West Indies 155 for three, Logie sped through the 80s and 90s thanks to some superb drives through cover and straight down the ground.

He reached his century after 197 minutes at the crease by tak-

ing a three off paceman Merv Hughes, recalled in Australia's squad for the second Test in Perth, and altogether his innings contained 14 boundaries.

His five-hour innings ended when he holed out to Hughes at mid-on off spinner Mark Osborne.

Jeff Dujon, David Williams, Winston Benjamin, Ian Bishop and Patrick Patterson all had some useful practice and reached double figures before the innings closed.

Scoreboard

VICTORIA first innings (over-
night 155 for three)
C. Greenidge b Hughes 100
R. Richardson b Dismore 82
K. Arthurton c Jones b Dismore 0
C. Hooper c Jackson b Dismore 64
G. Logie c Hughes b Osborne 134
J. Dujon c Whatmore b O'Donnell 10
R. Harper run out 9
D. Williams c and b Osborne 14
W. Benjamin c Dismore b O'Donnell 39
I. Bishop c Dismore b Hughes 20
P. Patterson not out 18
Extras (b-6 lb-9 nb-2) 17
Total 385
Fall of wickets: 1-24 (3-4-4-173-5-192-6-225-7-234-8-249-9-301)
Bowling: Hughes 27-4-82-2, Dismore 28-9-55-3 (1nb), Jackson 24-7-68-0, O'Donnell 21-2-52-2 (1nb), Osborne 16-1-56-2.

Brains prevailed over heart in title match: Zaragoza

FORLI, Italy, Nov 28. (AP): Daniel Zaragoza said yesterday that brains prevailed over the heart in his successful defense of his World Boxing Council super-bantamweight title against Italian challenger Valerio Nati.

"The Italian fought with the heart, aggressively but blindly, to repay his fans for their support," the 30-year-old Mexican said of Saturday's fight.

"I fought with the brain, exploiting my better boxing skill and experience. I waited for the right moment to land the decisive punch."

The decisive blow was a short left hook that knocked out Nati after 1:06 minutes in the fifth round.

Zaragoza, in the second defense of the title he won from

Carlos Zarate last February, was leading on points in the cards of the three judges when Nati's dream to win a world title on the home ring abruptly ended.

"I knew I was going to lose, because Zaragoza was faster, more experienced," the 31-year-old Italian said. "But I wanted to complete the 12 rounds in front of my fans, of my family. I did not see that left coming. I still don't know how it all happened. I am immediately thinking of giving up boxing but I could change my mind after some rest."

Zaragoza and his party were scheduled to fly home today.

"I plan to resume training only in February and stage a third defense of the super-bantamweight title in South Korea," Zaragoza said before leaving this central city, Nati's hometown.

Nati's hometown.

Lineker strikes form as Barcelona narrow gap on Real

Napoli avenge bitter defeat with another goal spree

ROME, Nov 28. (Reuters): Napoli, who have taken Italian soccer on an unaccustomed goal spree this season with 20 from seven games, set their sights on the League title yesterday when they crushed AC Milan 4-1 to avenge a bitter defeat and cap a memorable week.

Two goals from Brazil's Careca, the League's top scorer, and a spectacular long-distance header by Argentine captain Diego Maradona helped humble Milan who, without injured Dutch star Ruud Gullit and three other key players, were a shadow of the side that stormed to the title last season.

Milan snatched Napoli's League lead with a 3-2 victory at San Paolo last May that buried their hopes of a second successive League title.

Working Yesterday's victory brought both revenge and a dream finish to a week that began with a 5-3 League win against Juventus and continued with a 1-0 victory at Bordeaux in the UEFA Cup.

"We're certainly on the right road to being a championship-winning team. But we've got to keep working hard," Maradona said.

"The great thing about this Napoli is the team's extraordinary will. For a lot of us today's game was chance for revenge but

even the newcomers who weren't around in May knew what the match was about."

Napoli lie second, two points behind Internazionale, who marked their 80th birthday with a 1-0 win against bottom club Cesena. Sampdoria remain a serious threat in third place, equal on points with Napoli.

French League leaders Paris Saint-Germain emulated Napoli's UEFA Cup performance, grabbing a first-half goal in Bordeaux and resolutely defending the lead until the final whistle.

The Paris side emerged with criticism of their negative tactics but with the satisfaction of all three points from a hard-fought 1-0 victory. The scorer once again was little winger Christian Perez, rapidly emerging as a major star in France.

Bordeaux, despite an encouraging debut by new Danish signing Jesper Olsen, slumped to 12th place.

Auxerre kept the pressure on the leaders by winning 1-0 in Laval. They have 42 points, just one behind Paris Saint-Germain but seven more than third and fourth-placed Marseille and Nantes as the title chase increasingly looks like a two-horse race.

In Spain, where the perennial duel for supremacy between Real



Lineker (right): scored two goals

Madrid and Barcelona rages unabated, the Catalan side stole the weekend limelight.

After leaders Real could only draw at home to Athletic Bilbao on Saturday, Barcelona's England striker Gary Lineker struck timely form, scoring two

goals and setting up a third in yesterday's 3-1 win over Murcia to narrow the gap on Real to one point.

Dutch coach Johan Cruyff hailed the home win as one of their most convincing of the season. "We can feel very satis-

fied with our attacking game. I think it is one of the best matches Barcelona have played."

Spanish newspapers welcomed Lineker's return to form, which may kill off persistent rumours of his transfer to an English club, and the sports daily AS said Lineker's success owed much to midfielder Jose Maria Bakero and striker Julio Salinas.

"Both men were very generous in support of the English player, about whom much was written in the week which assumed that he had been virtually sold to Manchester United or any other British club with money to buy him," AS said.

Yet another exile, Rinus Michels, idolised at home after guiding the Netherlands to the European championship, is seeing the less glamorous side of soccer with Bayer Leverkusen in the West German League.

Thousands of fans shouted for his dismissal after the UEFA Cup holders were beaten 2-1 at home by Hamburg. It was only their third defeat in 16 matches this season but Leverkusen fans are unhappy with the club's ninth position after just four wins.

The result kept Hamburg up with a chasing pack of Cologne, Werder Bremen and VfB Stuttgart, all five points behind leaders Bayern Munich. Dutch newspapers blasted

European champions PSV Eindhoven for their 1-0 defeat by Fortuna Sittard and said the match cast doubt on PSV's chances in the World Cup Championship match against Uruguay's Nacional in Tokyo next month.

"An earlier loss to Ajax can be attributed to professional mistakes, the loss to Haarlem may have been due to gross underestimation of the other side, but the loss against Fortuna showed the marks of downright impotence," the Volkskrant newspaper said.

John Clayton scored for the home side just five minutes into the match.

Determined

PSV seemed unconcerned but as the match progressed they gradually realised that Fortuna Sittard were determined to keep up a virtually impenetrable defence.

Even PSV's new Brazilian star Romario Faria had little chance to show his striking skills and was shadowed on the field by Fortuna's clinging defender Marcel Liesdek.

Ajax pushed their way up to third place from fifth with a comfortable 2-0 home win over Volendam thanks to goals from two teenagers. Dennis Bergkamp, 19, scored in the first half and Ronald de Boer, 18, produced the second goal moments before the end.

Australia recall Lawson and Hughes

MELBOURNE, Nov 28. (Reuters): Australia showed they will try to match fire with fire in the second Test against the West Indies when they brought back bowlers Geoff Lawson and Merv Hughes into their squad today.

The home side were outgunned in their nine-wicket first Test defeat when West Indies pacemen Curtly Ambrose, Malcolm Marshall and Courtney Walsh took 19 of the 20 wickets to fall.

Australia, let down by a disappointing performance from left-arm Chris Matthews in Brisbane, were seldom able to worry the West Indies with pace.

Matthews will miss the second Test, starting on Friday, because of pulled muscles in his side while Bruce Reid, Australia's most dangerous fast bowler, is not yet fully recovered from a serious back injury.

Lawson, aged 30 and with 145 Test wickets to his name, has played himself back into the Test side with a string of fine performances, not least against the West Indies in a four-match for New South Wales when he bowled with fine control.

Criticised Hughes' Test career seemed to be over after captain Allan Border harshly criticised his style of bowling at the end of last season. Hughes, 27, worked hard on his fitness and a 10-wicket haul against Border's state Queensland earlier this month helped convince Australia's Test captain that Hughes was worth his place.

Hughes replaces Victorian teammate Dean Jones, the on-form number three batsman who was 12th man in the Brisbane Test.

Middle order batsman Graeme Wood, who suffered under the West Indies pace onslaught in Brisbane, is given one more chance on his home pitch in Perth. The West Indies will name their team later this week.

Australia — Allan Border (captain), Geoff Lawson, David Boon, Tony Dodemaide, Ian Healy, Merv Hughes, Geoff Lawson, Tim May, Craig McDermott, Mike Veletta, Steve Waugh, Graeme Wood.

Abdul-Jabbar ready for retirement

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 28. (AP): Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has prepared mentally for retirement for three years so it doesn't surprise him that the Los Angeles Lakers are getting ready for his departure by not handing him the basketball as much.

"I'm being phased out," Abdul-Jabbar said yesterday as he prepared for the Lakers' Monday night game against the Philadelphia 76ers. "I'm just trying to help the Lakers continue to win."

The 7-foot-2-inch (2.18-metre) centre said he hopes that "consistent" will be the word used to describe his career in the National Basketball Association.

Abdul-Jabbar, 41, entered the season with 533 more appearances than any other active player, a feat he doesn't think any player will match soon.

"Even to me that's staggering looking back," he said. "My greatest accomplishment was playing as well as I have for as long as I have."

The New York native said he would miss his NBA friends when he retires, but quickly noted that he would not miss the travel. Still, the two decades of lay "went by in a flash."